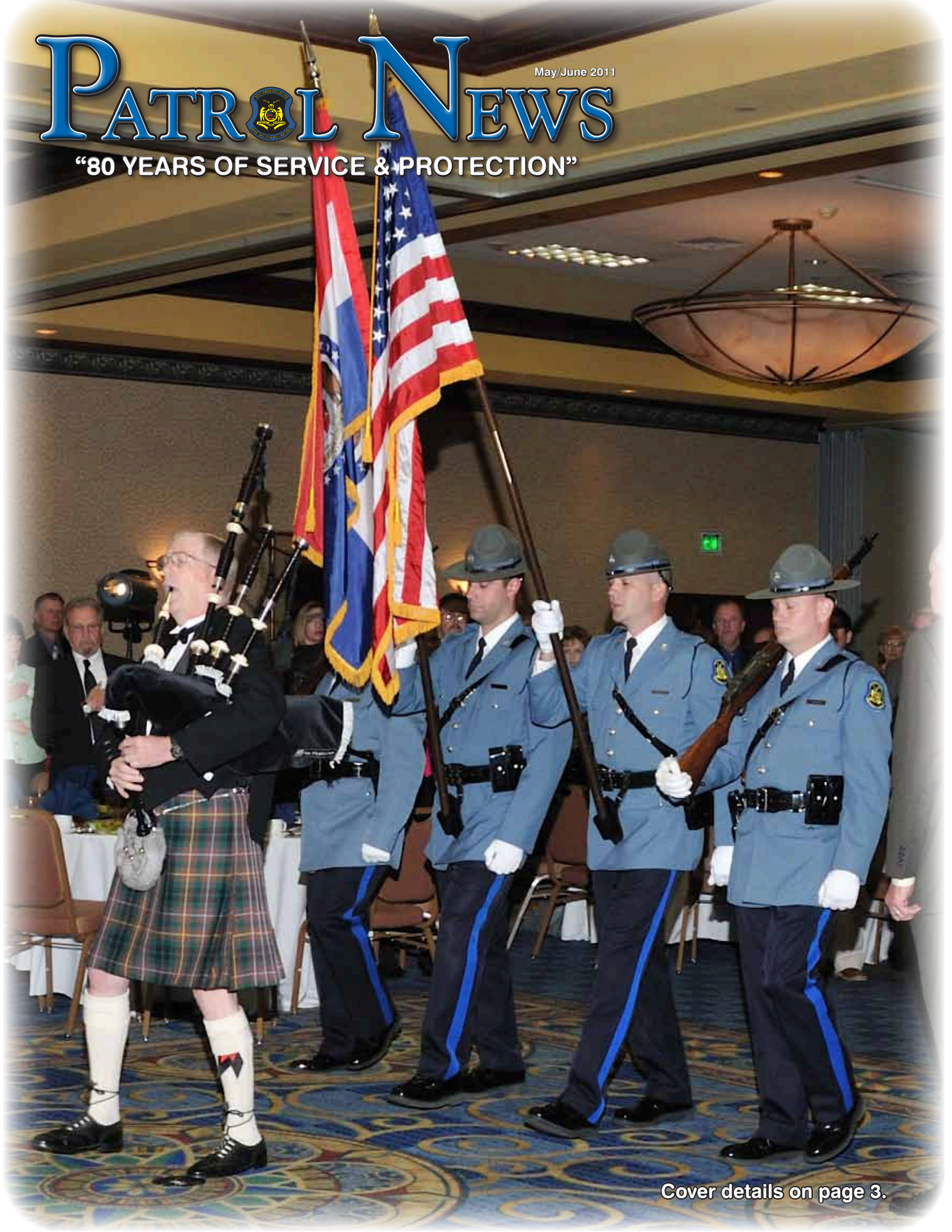


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"80 YEARS OF SERVICE & PROTECTION"



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# From the Staff ...

**Major Tommy Roam**  
**Water Patrol Division**



As the Patrol begins another summer travel season, it will do so with new responsibilities. Since the merger of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Missouri State Water Patrol (MSWP) in January, many people have worked countless hours to bring these two proud agencies together. Because of this tireless work, the Highway Patrol is prepared for the new aspects of the travel season.

One of Colonel Ron Replogle's priority initiatives is reducing impaired drivers, whether they are operating vessels or vehicles. For more than a decade, the former MSWP led the nation in boating while intoxicated arrests and drug arrests for boating enforcement agencies. Because of this, in 2009, the MSWP was chosen to assist the Southern California Safety Institute in establishing new Standardized Field Sobriety Tests specifically for boating. Those SFSTs are expected to be released in Summer 2011. Patrol members will use these tests—established just for the boating environment—to help save lives by removing drunken operators from our waterways.

In response to Governor Jay Nixon's call for unified enforcement, members of FOB and the Water Patrol Division (WPD) have and will continue to meet with Canoe and Outfitter Association businesses to outline a strategy to curb drug violations, minor in possession, and physical assaults on our float streams. Saturations are planned around the state on several of our busiest float streams, with an emphasis on overt patrol efforts. WPD members will be assisted by road and division troopers during these saturations in an attempt to show a larger presence on our waterways during the summer. In the fall, many WPD members will be assigned to troops, which will increase our visibility on Missouri's highways. This use of our personnel resources will certainly make an impact on our visibility throughout the state.

The year 2011 marks additions to the services the Highway Patrol delivers to the public. Combining our many fields of expertise strengthens the Highway Patrol's tradition of service and protection, which will continue to impact the safety of the public both today and in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Roam". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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## TROOP A HONORS TOP 10



*Troop A recognized its 2010 "Top 10" DWI officers at the April 15, 2011, sergeants' meeting: (l to r) Major J. Bret Johnson, Q/FOB, Trooper Kyle W. Murphy, Corporal Cody G. Dunfee, Trooper Joshua D. Owens, Trooper David J. "D.J." Kline, Trooper Alexander R. "Alex" Vivas, Trooper Larry K. Nelson, Trooper Rick E. Scism, and Captain Robert L. Powell. Trooper Joshua C. Utz and Trooper Chadwick S. "Chad" Kutzner were unavailable for the photo. Keep up the good work!*

## Cover

*Chief Telecom. Eng. Roger M. Heard, Troop H, leads the way playing "Balmoral" on the bagpipes during the presentation of colors. Troop F's Color Guard (Cpl. Ronald D. "Ron" Kyle, Tpr. Patrick D. Sublette, Tpr. Andrew A. "Andy" Armstrong, and Cpl. Craig R. Kicker) presentation of colors at this year's banquet.*

# PERSPECTIVE

## My Husband Is A Missouri State Trooper

*By Mrs. Amanda Gibson*  
*Guest Columnist*

Not everyone appreciates the job that the men and women of the Missouri State Highway Patrol perform. Not everyone respects them or their position. Not everyone understands how much they do, how much they sacrifice, and how dangerous their job is. One day, I heard someone talking about the Highway Patrol. They were claiming the Patrol and other law enforcement agencies harass people, and actually said, "Who do they think they are, anyway?" I also heard, "How dangerous is their job, really? All they do is ride around in cars and write tickets." "The police are out of control." There were other statements as well, but you get the idea.

I was witnessing complete and blatant disrespect and bashing of the Missouri State Highway Patrol—of my Missouri State Highway Patrol, of our troopers who risk their lives every day for these people who were talking so negatively about them. It made me so upset that I spoke up. This was my response:

"I am the wife of a Missouri state trooper. The same people who claim to hate the police are the same people that will call my husband or others like him in their time of need. These are the same people who will call him when they have been or are being robbed, raped, assaulted, in fear for their life, and the list goes on. These are the same people who will plead for his help if their child goes missing. He does and will respond to every call, protect every life, assist any person, and search tirelessly for every child no matter who they are or what kind of feelings they have toward him because he is a Missouri state trooper, and that is what he does.

He puts his blue on everyday along with his hat and gun. He gets into his patrol car and leaves his family behind knowing that there is a chance that he may never see them again. He is always in the public eye and expected to handle every situation with nothing but complete professionalism. He is expected to show no emotion when others would crumble and fall to pieces. He's expected to be tough, rough, and strong, have the right answer to solve every problem, and be able to right all the wrongs because he is a Missouri state trooper ... it's what he does.

He does this job he loves for very few thank yous, little appreciation, and very little pay compared to what the job he does is worth. Instead, he gets heartache, ridicule, argument, and disrespect. But, he is a Missouri state trooper and all of that is part of his job. He is called out away from his family in the middle of the night to search for a missing child; to tell a mother that her child won't be coming home, because they were killed in a traffic crash; to do unsuccessful CPR on a person lying on the roadside. There are times that he works long hours with few days off and finds himself in situations that could have cost his life. Some of these life-threatening situations are by accident, but others occur because another person wants to cause him harm. He is a Missouri state trooper ... it's what he does.

He does his job gladly and without complaint. He leaves his three little girls every day to serve and protect. To those little girls he is the biggest, strongest, smartest, toughest man in the world. He is their daddy. They love and adore him. He leaves his wife behind to enforce the law. He is my husband, my best friend, my comfort, my

partner in life, my soul mate, my rock, my protector, my strength, my support, and the love of my life. He puts everything at risk to do his job to the best of his ability. He is a Missouri state trooper ... it's what he does.

On our oldest daughter's ninth birthday, he was the first to the scene of a fatal traffic crash. Children were involved. While our children and I were safe at home baking a birthday cake, wrapping presents, decorating for a party where we would be celebrating the life of our daughter, he was putting a nine-year-old in a body bag, performing unsuccessful CPR on a nine-month-old, and holding a five-year-old when she died in his arms. All the while, he's doing exactly what was expected of him: handling the situation with complete professionalism, showing little emotion, and keeping control over a chaotic and heartbreaking scene. He is a Missouri state trooper ... it's what he does.

His family misses him a lot. He is dedicated to the promises he made and the oath he took. He is a very smart man and he could have had a career in any field he chose, but he is a Missouri state trooper and this is what he loves. I am a Missouri state trooper's wife. Every day that he leaves our house, I pray that he will come back safely. I look back over the past several years and see where he has done so much good, saved lives, handled horrible and dangerous situations with complete confidence, and stayed calm in times of turmoil and sadness. He has had his heart broken at the sight of abused and neglected children, fought for his life and the life of others, and been other people's saving grace, hero, and protector. He does what is asked of him without question or complaint. He does all of this and

# — Perspective

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more, and expects no recognition, praise, or appreciation. He is a Missouri state trooper and he works among many great men and women who all do these same types of things every day.

I am the wife of Trooper Russell R. Gibson Jr. of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I am well aware of the dangers he faces everyday for the well being of the citizens of this state. I am

very proud of him, every other trooper, and all other law enforcement officers for the sacrifices they make. To anyone who feels otherwise I say, think about that when they are responding to your call for help; spending time away from their own family to help yours; and risking their life to save yours. Just maybe you will be a little more grateful to the men and women who are relied upon so much, who are willing to risk everything for you, and who—no matter what the situation—will be available

to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

To everyone, the next time you come in contact with a trooper or any law enforcement officer, thank them. Let them know that you are grateful for the job they do and the times that they have been there for you when you needed them. If you haven't needed a trooper, be thankful that they are standing by should you call. Give them the praise and recognition that they so greatly deserve, but rarely get."

## Anniversaries

### June

#### 20 years

Security/QA Admin. Theresa A. Huhn, Q/CJISD

#### 15 years

Sgt. Dorothy E. Taylor, Q/DDCC

#### 10 years

Fiscal & Budg. Analyst III Janet L. Amsinger, Q/BPD

MVI Analyst Brenda J. Davis, Q/MVI

Crim. Hist. Tech. I Joyce L. Wiegand, Q/CJISD

#### 5 years

Criminalist III Shaminie J. Athinarayanan, Q/CLD

Clerk Typist III Cynthia L. Baker, Q/MVI

Security/QA Admin. Kyle W. Comer, Q/CJISD

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Richard F. Devoto, Troop E

Info. Analyst II Karen A. Heislen, Q/DDCC

Criminalist III Diane L. Higgins, Q/CLD

Admin. Office Support Asst. Leigh A. Jacobs-Stokes, Q/AD

Criminalist Sprv. Pamela M. Johnson, Q/CLD

Aircraft Maint. Spec. Douglas F. Lauf, Q/AD

Clerk Typist III Tammy S. Mahaney, Troop F

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rachel L. Mengwasser, Q/CLD

Criminalist III Amie J. Nix, Q/CLD

Criminalist III Joanna D. Sides, Q/CLD

Fiscal & Budg. Analyst II Carla J. Siebeneck, Q/MED

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Rhonda L. Zeilinger, Q/CLD

### July

#### 35 years

Fingerprint Tech. Sprv. Debra A. Libbert, Q/CJISD

#### 25 years

Bldg. & Grnds. Maint. Sprv. Roy D. Barton, Troop B

Spec. Asst. Brenda A. LeCure, Q/DDCC

Capt. David P. Perkins, Q/TND

#### 15 years

Lt. Ethan P. Ahern, Q/FOB

Crim. Sprv. Michael J. Baker, Q/CLD

Cpl. Roland H. Bartels, Troop B

Cpl. Todd M. Barthelmass, Q/GD

Tpr. Kent A. Brackett, Troop I

Tpr. Adam K. Buff, Troop D

Cpl. Freddie L. Butler Jr., Troop E

Sgt. Stephen A. Coats, Troop A

Sgt. Charles R. Colbert Jr., Troop E

DE III Judy S. Dale, Troop A

Comm. Oper. III Douglas R. Hager, Troop E

Tpr. Matthew L. Keeney, Troop E

Cpl. Paul M. Kimball, Troop H

Cpl. Michael D. Lynch, Troop E

Cpl. Paul W. Meyers, Troop F

Cpl. Scott A. Miller, Troop C

Cpl. Shane R. Monk, Troop D

Cpl. James A. Mulkey, Q/FOB

Cpl. Eric J. Norman, Q/GD

Sgt. Al P. Nothum, Troop C

Cpl. Scott E. Pritzel, Troop H

Sgt. David A. Rice, Q/DDCC

Chief Oper. Todd L. Robitsch, Troop G

Lt. Corey J. Schoeneberg, Q/PSD

Cpl. Michael L. Scoggins, Troop E

Sgt. Heath A. Sears, Q/FOB

Sgt. Leslie D. Thurston, Q/TND

Cpl. James E. Thuss, Q/GD

Cpl. James T. Vermillion, Troop D

Cpl. Glen D. Ward, Troop F

Cpl. Mark D. Ward, Troop I

Tpr. Justin D. Watson, Troop C

Cpl. Jeffrey L. White, Q/TND

Sgt. Steven V. Wilhoit, Q/DDCC

Sgt. Mark A. Wilson, Q/TND

Crim. Sprv. Jason L. Wyckoff, Q/CLD

Personnel Records Clerk III Lori A. Vandergiff, Q/HRD

#### 10 years

Crim. Sprv. Adam C. Benne, Q/CLD

DE III Debra S. Clema, Troop B

CDL Exam. Aud. Charmaine G. Johnson, Troop D

Auto. Tech. III Michael E. Duke, Q/MED

Crim. Sprv. Marcy G. Stiefel, Q/CLD

#### 5 years

Clerk Typist III Kimberly A. Bosley, Troop D

Auto. Tech. III Cody J. Fender, Troop A

Comp. Info. Tech. III Jeffrey M. Henley, Q/ISD

Criminalist III Shena L. Latcham, Q/CLD

Chief Accountant Christine M. Laughlin, Q/BPD

Clerk Typist III Kerry E. Patterson, Q/DDCC



# Operation OxyClean: Gaming Officers Uncover Prescription Conspiracy

By Lt. Robert E. "Bob" Zubeck, Q/GD

On January 17, 2007, security personnel at the Isle of Capri Casino Kansas City turned over a prescription pad that had been found on the casino floor to Sergeant Jeffery T. Fitzgerald and Corporal Brian W. Vernon, both Q/GD. Upon examination, the troopers discovered 26 prescriptions in the pad issued to 11 different individuals. Some of the individuals received two or three prescriptions in a single day and 25 of the 26 prescriptions were issued for controlled substances.

Concerned about their findings, Sgt. Fitzgerald and Cpl. Vernon contacted the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Missouri Board of the Healing Arts to advise them of their findings and to seek their assistance with the investigation. On January 25, 2007, the Drug Enforcement Agency adopted the case based on the investigation initiated by the troopers.

As a result of their initial investigation, Bruce Layne Baker, 54, of Independence, MO, pled guilty in federal court on January 27, 2011, to his role in conspiracy to illegally distribute more than \$1 million worth of OxyContin and Oxycodone. Baker, an osteopathic physician, also pleaded guilty to health care fraud.

By pleading guilty, Baker agreed to forfeit to the government \$1,166,781, which represents the proceeds obtained as a result of the drug-trafficking conspiracy and health care fraud. Baker also agreed to relinquish his Missouri and Kansas medical licenses. The plea agreement, which was filed under seal, was unsealed and made public on February 14, 2011, following the arrests of several defendants who were indicted in separate, but related cases.

Kevin Martin Cummings, 50, and Joanna Womboldt, 39, both of Kansas City, MO, have also pled guilty in a separate, but related case, to their roles in drug trafficking and money



*Special Agent In Charge Leslie W. Hollie, KC Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, presents a certificate of appreciation to Sgt. Jeffery T. Fitzgerald and Cpl. Brian W. Vernon.*

laundering conspiracies, and to health care fraud. Cummings also pled guilty to theft of government money based on Social Security fraud. Baker admitted he participated in a conspiracy with Cummings and Womboldt, along with others, to distribute OxyContin and Oxycodone from July 2006 to January 2010.

Cummings maintained bank accounts in the names of his mud jacking business at several banks. Cummings commingled funds from the unlawful distribution of OxyContin and Oxycodone with funds derived from his mud jacking business, and other business ventures, to purchase several parcels of real estate, make loans to other individuals, and cash checks in order to conceal the source of those funds and to carry out the drug trafficking conspiracy. More than \$300,000 from the drug-trafficking proceeds was laundered through various bank accounts by Cummings.

Kimberly Lee Collet, 31, of Gladstone, MO, pled guilty, in a separate, but related case, to health care fraud and to unlawfully obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Collet admitted she had submitted claims to her insurance company for illegal prescriptions of OxyContin and Oxycodone. Collet obtained the prescriptions from Baker, although she had no legitimate medical need for them. Collet had caused 50 claims, totaling 2,391 pills,

for illegal prescriptions to be submitted by pharmacies to her insurer.

Under federal statutes, Baker is subject to a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1,250,000. Cummings and Womboldt are each subject to a sentence of up to 50 years in federal prison, without parole, plus a fine up to \$1,750,000. Collet is subject to a sentence of up to 14 years in federal prison, without parole, plus a fine of up to \$500,000. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

On March 16, 2011, Special Agent In Charge Leslie W. Hollie, Kansas City Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, recognized Sgt. Fitzgerald and Cpl. Vernon for their initiative in this investigation by presenting them with Certificates of Appreciation at a ceremony at the Isle of Capri Kansas City.

During the presentation, Special Agent Hollie stressed the importance of law enforcement partnerships in the recognition and successful prosecution of criminal enterprise and commended the troopers for their significant contribution to the case.

"Over the course of the conspiracy, Baker caused OxyContin and Oxycodone prescriptions to be issued for

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## — OxyClean

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individuals with no legitimate medical need, filled at pharmacies, and paid by health care benefit programs. The estimated sales of the pills totaled \$952,520. Nearly 83,000 pills were dispensed, for a total payment of more than \$214,000 from health care benefit programs," Hollie stated during the presentation.

Both troopers expressed their appreciation to Special Agent Hollie for the assistance offered by the federal government in this investigation, and for the relationships which they have developed with their federal counterparts as a result.

### Numerically Speaking: A MULES/ NCIC Update

NCIC receives and processes an average of 7.4 million transactions per day. NCIC processed a record 9,121,881 transactions on August 4, 2010 alone. The average NCIC response time is 0.04 seconds. The MSHP Access Integrity Unit reviewed 275,615 wanted/missing/stolen vehicle records and conducted 748,502 quality control transactions in 2010.

As of April 1, 2011, MULES has 321,112 total records on file. This breaks down to include the following files: 216,061 wanted persons; 1,158 missing persons; 12,754 sex offenders; 11,484 full orders of protection; 19,140 stolen vehicles; and 3,900 stop orders.

*(Reprinted from the CJIS Newsletter 11-01.)*

## Sheriff Recognizes Porter, Grissom

**By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B**

On February 26, 2011, during a community benefit held in honor of an injured Adair County deputy sheriff, Trooper Cary F. Porter and Corporal Eldon L. Grissom were recognized for their quick response to render aid to the deputy.

On December 2, 2010, Adair County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Pitts was seriously injured when he fell 12 feet into an open concrete culvert while removing a deer carcass from Missouri Highway 6 near Radical Ridge Road, in Kirksville Missouri. Trooper Porter and Corporal Grissom responded to the incident quickly securing the scene and assisting medical personnel in safely extricating Deputy Pitts from the culvert.

During the benefit a small ceremony was also held to honor those who assisted in saving the deputy's life. Tpr. Porter and Cpl. Grissom received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Adair County Sheriff's Department for their contributions. Tpr. Porter and Cpl. Grissom are both assigned to Troop B, Zone 5.



*The sheriff's department expressed its appreciation to (l) Cpl. Eldon L. Grissom and (r) Trooper Cary F. Porter for assisting (center) Adair County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Pitts.*

## Crank: Criminal Interdictor Of 2011

**By Field Operations Bureau**

The Field Operations Bureau selected Trooper David W. Crank, Troop E, as the 2010 Criminal Interdictor of the Year for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Tpr. Crank's self-initiated interdiction seizures during 2010 included 153.5 pounds of marijuana and 2.7 pounds of cocaine. His willingness to assist other members and agencies resulted in additional drug seizures in Troop E. Congratulations, Tpr. Crank!

*Tpr. David W. Crank  
Troop E*



# New Employees



Lara E. Messersmith  
Prob. Comm. Oper.  
Troop H



Jeffrey O. Baning  
MVI I  
Troop C



Allen W. Cook  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



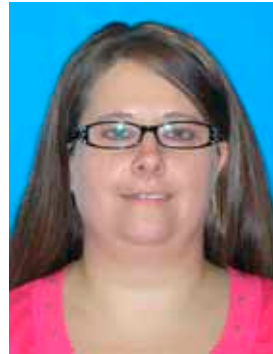
Teresa A. Davidson  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop H



Shannon P. Delap  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Joseph D. Dornes  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop A



Cheryl A. Garner  
Quality Control Clerk I  
Q/TFD



Darin Garnett  
Video Prod. Spec. I  
Q/TND



Richard L. Hargrove  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



Joshua D. Hill  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Amy L. Hughes  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop H



Sarah M. Ladyman  
MVI I  
Troop C



# New Employees



David H. Lowe II  
Auto. Tech. III  
Troop I



Lorenzo Marquez  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



Tyler W. Mathis  
DE I  
Troop I



Jeffrey M. Phillips  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



Justin R. Richardson  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop H



Adam P. Stanek  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop C



Amanda C. Stieferman  
Fingerprint Tech. I  
Q/CJISD



Brandyn N. Steinman  
Clerk Typist III  
Q/CJISD



Nicole A. Stratman  
DE I  
Troop I



Julie M. Umbarger  
CVE Inspector I  
Troop H



Joseph J. Williams  
DE I  
Troop C

# Then & Now

## Patrol Marks 80 Years Of Service And Protection

By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED

On April 20, 1931, the Missouri Legislature passed Senate Bill No. 36. Four days later, Governor Henry C. Caulfield signed it, thus establishing the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The governor called the bill, "a very constructive piece of legislation, which makes it safe to travel on the state highways". It wasn't an easy bill

to pass—it took six years of arguing and several versions of the bill failed before Senate Bill 36 made it through the 1931 vote with 89 to 29 to pass.

Eighty years have passed since the Missouri State Highway Patrol was created. Much has changed ... and much has stayed the same. The agency's mission of Service and Pro-

tection remains at the heart of its day-to-day operation. Traffic enforcement remains a primary duty, yet over the years, additional responsibilities have been assigned to the agency. In addition, cars, hats, boots, guns, and technology have changed over the years.

*The following comparison will show just how far the Patrol has come ...*

### The MSHP's ABCs\*

	1931	2011
<b>Car</b>	Most were assigned a Model A Ford Roadster costing \$413.18 each.	Most are assigned Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor costing \$25,057 each.
<b>Fleet</b>	36 Model A Ford Roadsters 1 Ford sedan 1 Plymouth sedan 1 Oldsmobile 1 Buick 3 Chevrolets 12 Harley Davidson motorcycles 3 Indian motorcycles 2 Henderson motorcycles (All of which were assigned to officers.)	762 Ford Crown Victorias 52 Chevy Tahoes 176 Chevy Impalas 9 Motorcycles (Harley Davidson) 166 Trucks 14 SUVs 1 Van (Above are assigned to officers.)  90 Sedans 88 Trucks 42 Vans 3 SUVs 1 Bus (Above vehicles assigned to uniformed civilians/civilian employees.)
<b>Aircraft</b>	none	1 Twin engine airplane 8 Single engine airplanes 3 Helicopters 10 uniformed members certified to fly this aircraft
<b>Vessels (Boats)</b>	none	165 assigned vessels used for patrolling the rivers, streams, and lakes in Missouri.

\*(Aircraft, Boats, Cars)

# Organization

	1931	2011
<b>Budget</b>	\$355,000	\$241,045,000
<b>Trooper Salary</b>	\$1,500	\$38,604
<b>Ranks</b>	Patrolman, Sergeant, Captain	Trooper, Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel
<b>Enforcement Coverage</b>	49 Uniformed members assigned to road duties.	1092 uniformed members assigned to road duties including the Gaming, Drug and Crime Control, and Water Patrol Divisions.
<b>Troop Headquarters</b>	Troop A, Kansas City; Troop B, Macon; Troop C, Kirkwood; Troop D, Joplin; Troop E, Sikeston; and Headquarters Troop, Jefferson City.	Troop A, Lee's Summit; Troop B, Macon; Troop C, Weldon Spring; Troop D, Springfield; Troop E, Poplar Bluff; Troop F, Jefferson City; Troop G, Willow Springs; Troop H, St. Joseph; Troop I, Rolla; and General Headquarters, Jefferson City.
<b>Patrol Organization</b>	<p>Six Troops (Includes Headquarters Troop)</p> <p>In addition to enforcement within its assigned counties, Headquarters Troop was responsible for handling the following for the entire agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Communication (calls from the public/other agencies from anywhere in the state)</li> <li>2. Finance/Supply</li> <li>3. Personnel/Training</li> <li>4. Records</li> </ol>	<p>Nine Troops</p> <p>General Headquarters includes five bureaus overseeing the following divisions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aircraft</li> <li>2. Budget &amp; Procurement</li> <li>3. Crime Laboratory</li> <li>4. Division of Drug &amp; Crime Control</li> <li>5. Commercial Vehicle Enforcement</li> <li>6. Communications</li> <li>7. Criminal Justice Information Services</li> <li>8. Driver Examination</li> <li>9. Gaming</li> <li>10. Governor's Security</li> <li>11. Human Resources</li> <li>12. Information Systems</li> <li>13. Missouri Information Analysis Center</li> <li>14. Motor Equipment</li> <li>15. Motor Vehicle Inspection</li> <li>16. Professional Standards Division</li> <li>17. Public Information &amp; Education</li> <li>18. Research &amp; Development</li> <li>19. Traffic Records</li> <li>20. Training</li> <li>21. Water Patrol</li> </ol>
<b>Personnel</b>	<p>1 Superintendent</p> <p>6 Captains</p> <p>8 Sergeants</p> <p>41 Patrolmen</p> <p>1 Secretary</p> <p>1 Stenographer</p> <p>1 Janitor</p>	<p>1 Superintendent</p> <p>1 Lieutenant Colonel</p> <p>6 Majors</p> <p>34 Captains</p> <p>73 Lieutenants</p> <p>315 Sergeants</p> <p>261 Corporals</p> <p>541 Troopers</p> <p>175 Communications</p> <p>214 Driver Examination</p> <p>62 Motor Vehicle Inspection</p> <p>137 Commercial Vehicle Enforcement</p> <p>144 Professional</p> <p>287 Technical</p> <p>135 Secretarial/Clerical</p>

(Numbers through May 31, 2011)



# The Work Day

	1931	2011
<b>Enforcement/ Behavior Rules</b>	<p>If in doubt, don't.</p> <p>Word of instruction, warning is preferred to arrest. However, when warranted, troopers don't hesitate to make the arrest.</p> <p>Guardians of peace and protectors of the traveling public.</p> <p>Gentlemen who enforce the law.</p> <p>If a vehicle doesn't stop after a hand signal, blow the horn; then whistle and hand signal; then pull your gun. If no stop, shoot the tires, radiator, and engine of vehicle. (This information is from a quarterly report)</p>	<p>Ladies and gentlemen who enforce the law.</p> <p>Patrol Vision, Mission, Values</p> <p>178 Written Directives</p>
<b>Communication</b>	<p>Troopers stopped at businesses along their route to use the telephone to contact troop headquarters for messages.</p> <p>Within the first two years of existence, all troops would be "connected" by teletype, allowing for troop-to-troop communication.</p>	<p>Today, troopers use mobile computing devices, handheld radios, and car radios. The Patrol's communication system is a complex, statewide network of radios, tower sites, and repeaters allowing troopers to communicate with the Patrol dispatch centers and law enforcement in their area. They may also use cell phones or blackberry devices in the performance of their duties.</p> <p>Troop-to-troop communication occurs via high speed data lines for e-mail, file transfer, streaming video, voice over Internet protocol, and computer-aided dispatch.</p>
<b>Uniform Cost</b>	Paid by trooper (exact figures not found).	<p>Members have a uniform allowance of \$800 per year.</p> <p>Felt hat = \$80</p> <p>Poly/wool trouser = \$93.80</p> <p>Poly/wool LS shirt = \$95.40</p> <p>Shoes = \$70 to \$100</p> <p>Tie = \$3.50</p>
<b>Weapon</b>	Issued a .38-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver valued at \$19.95.	Issued a .40-caliber Glock Model 22. Contract price is \$409. Also issued a Remington 870 shotgun, which costs approximately \$500.
<b>Work Schedule</b>	Troopers worked 12-hour days with three days off per month. No compensatory time accrues.	Troopers work 40 hours per seven-day work week. Compensatory time accrues.

**Editor's Note:** This article was compiled using information from quarterly and annual reports, historical archives, Missouri Manual, retired Capt. E.M. Raub, and personnel from FOB, BPD, CommD, MED, and HRD. My thanks to all who contributed!



# Spotlight



## Sgt. David B. “Brad” Haggett



**Appointed:** August 1, 1993, as a member of the 66th Recruit Class.

**First Assignment:** Troop F, Zone 5, Camden & Miller Counties.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Corporal – August 1, 1998; Sergeant – January 1, 2009.

**Current Assignment:** Full-time recruiter, Human Resources, General Headquarters, Jefferson City. He is responsible for recruitment activities in Troop E, Poplar Bluff area, and Troop I, Rolla, area, and adjoining states.

**Family:** Brad and his wife, Pam, have been married for 22 years. Pam is a homemaker and home schools their children. They have two daughters: Jessica, 17, and Lauren, 15.

**Interests:** Brad enjoys spending time with his family. He attends and works in various ministries at Westwood Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon. He also enjoys spending time in the outdoors, especially camping, and hunting and fishing with his family.

Brad is a native of Silva, MO, and graduated from Greenville High School. He earned an associate's degree in law enforcement from Three Rivers Community College and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Southeast Missouri State University.

ty. Prior to joining the Patrol, he was employed as a patrolman at the Cape Girardeau Police Department (April 1988-July 1993).

“I am living my dream of being a Missouri state trooper,” said Brad. “Growing up in Southeast Missouri, I regularly came in contact with the local troopers that frequented my family's general store. As a boy, I was so impressed by their demeanor, uniform, and patrol car that I knew at an early age I wanted to be a part of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. As I grew older, the early impression and desire only grew stronger. Our organization is one that prides itself on integrity, professionalism, and character. I am proud to be a part of an organization that serves and is respected by the citizens of the state of Missouri. I have an exciting career, and enjoy sharing my experiences with others that might rise to the challenge of being a Missouri state trooper. As a recruiter, my goal is to seek out individuals who possess the qualities needed to become a trooper and have a sincere desire to serve the public.”

## Housekeeper III Paula K. Forshee



**Appointed:** March 8, 2003.

**First Assignment:** Housekeeper I, Troop D, Springfield.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Housekeeper II – March 7, 2004; Housekeeper III – January 16, 2009.

**Current Assignment:** Housekeeper III, Troop D, Springfield.

**Family:** Paula has two daughters: Monica Slatten and Shelley Cramer. Other family members include her son-in-law, John Slatten, granddaughter, Stella Slatten Sweet, and Stella's husband, Danny Sweet. She has a sister, Kathy Shelleday, and a brother, Jim Shelleday. Her mother and father are Paul and Alma Shelleday.

**Interests:** Paula enjoys flea markets, auctions, plays, and being with family and girlfriends. In 1998, she went to Hawaii for 13 days on a cruise. She said she had a wonderful time. Paula also enjoys traveling with the Commerce Bank seniors.

*(Reporter's note: Paula is the hardest working housekeeper in Troop D! We appreciate her!)*

## Sgt. Alva E. “Ed” Thurman



**Appointed:** November 1, 1973, as a member of the 42nd Recruit Class.

**First Assignment:** Troop D, Zone 2, Springfield.

**Promotions/Reclassifications:** Corporal – August 1, 1981; Sergeant – July 1, 1991.

**Current Assignment:** Aircraft Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City. (Ed is the pilot for Troops D & G.)

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# Spotlight

## — Thurman

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**Family:** Ed's wife is Pamra. They have four children and seven grandchildren (six boys and one girl).

**Interests:** Ed likes flying, hunting, fishing, being with his grandchildren, and traveling.

Ed has flown for 34 years and has accumulated almost 11,000 hours flying time for law enforcement in helicopters and airplanes. He has been in Mesa, AZ, Dallas, TX, Champaign, IL, and Jefferson City, MO, for a variety of aviation training courses. He has participated in practically every major manhunt in Southern Missouri, and presidential and vice presidential visits. He has worked the Missouri State Fair and the Republican National Convention as well as other details.

You may wonder, "What was the fastest vehicle Ed ever checked through the blocks?" It was a 1993 Chevrolet Camaro doing 143 miles per hour. The driver ran off the roadway, crashed, and was fatally injured.

## DE Clerk III Amanda D. Wheatley



**Appointed:** September 16, 2010.

**First & Current Assignment:** Driver Examiner Clerk III, Troop E, Poplar Bluff.

**Family:** Amanda has a son, Sean.

**Interests:** When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her family, reading, writing, watching movies, and cooking.

"I am a proud mother of a very sweet, inquisitive, and funny four-year-old son. Since my son loves the outdoors, we spend a lot of time exploring on the family farm," said Amanda. "In my limited spare time, I enjoy writing fiction and poetry. Last year, I completed my first novel, and would like to have it published someday. I am happy to be working for the Patrol, especially because of my co-workers. I also find it rewarding to be able to help the public with their questions about driver examination. I feel very fortunate to have a job that I enjoy so much."

## June

### June 12



- **Tpr. W.R. Brandt** died in 1970.

### June 13



- **Tpr. D.H. Marriott** died in 1981.

### June 14



- **Sgt. B.O. Booth** died in 1933.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Olivia Maelynn*

Tpr. Ryan S. & Mrs. Lindsey R. Smith  
Troop A

### *John Ryelee*

Tpr. John C. & Mrs. Tatum L. Gilliland  
Troop H

### *Aidan Olivia*

Tpr. Brian C. and Mrs. Jennifer L. Lawler  
Troop F

### *Mason G.*

Tpr. Brian D. & Mrs. Paris D. Foster  
Q/WPD

### *Kendall Elizabeth*

Tpr. Brandon L. & Mrs. Angelique E. "Angie" Butler  
Q/WPD

### *Kaden John*

Mr. Thomas L. and CVO II Michelle A. Horn  
Troop D

### *Amillia Rose*

Mr. Jered M. & DE III Hannah R. Taylor  
Troop D

### *Luke Emmanuel*

Recruit Daren C. & Mrs. Vanessa R. Belardo  
Q/TND

### *Karsen Emmalee*

Tpr. Joshua L. and Mrs. Deann D. White  
Troop H

### *William Andrew*

Tpr. Jonathan A. "Jon" & Mrs. Julie E. Cluver  
Troop F

### *Kaiden Bradley*

Tpr. David A. and Mrs. Brianne H. Jones  
Troop A



# Troop B Conducts Student Alliance Program

*By Sgt. Brent J. Bernhardt, Troop B*

On Saturday, March 12, 2011, and Saturday, March 19, 2011, Troop B conducted its first Student Alliance Program at troop headquarters. Thirty-four Troop B area high school students, representing 23 high schools, completed the program. During the two-day program, students were familiarized with many duties performed by a Missouri state trooper, and participated in hands-on activities, such as shooting a Glock pistol, stop and approach, crime scene investigations, and observing a polygraph demonstration. The program, which targeted junior and senior aged high school students, was conducted to provide an opportunity for interested individuals to learn more about law enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Each participant was presented a certificate of completion and a Missouri State Highway Patrol T-shirt.

Students attending the program were: Cassandra Brown, of Huntsville; Lance Olson, of Macon; Danton Harvey, of Clarence; Bradley Guiles, of Kirksville; Brittney Donahue, of



*Students attending Troop B's inaugural Student Alliance Program are shown in front of troop headquarters.*

Bevier; Lora Scott, of Marceline; Grant Roberts, of La Plata; Cody Dover, of Meadville; Christopher Doubet, of Memphis; Lynsey Farmer, of Macon; Shelby Mason, of Macon; Colby Dodd, of Cairo; William Gibler, of Madison; Clay Cox, of Macon; Jonathan Novinger, of Novinger; Joshua Teter, of Brookfield; Joshua Maxwell, of Brookfield; Joshua Conrad, of Palmyra; Luke Allison, of Kirksville; Jermy Nelson, of Jacksonville; Allen Fletcher, of Men-

don; Blane Bias, of Centralia; James Morris, of Clark; Caleb Eskew, of Moberly; Caleb Westbrook, of Canton; Breeanna Werner, of Higbee; Makayla Daniel, of Higbee; Colton Macomber, of Queen City; Thomas Moore, of New Cambria; Jacob Hubbard, of Green City; Stefanie J. Hollander, of Pollock; Matthew Riddle, of Milan; Derrick Gunnels, of La Plata; and Tyler Winters, of Canton.

## HOW OTHERS SEE US ...

*This note was sent via e-mail to DPS Director John Britt:*

Good morning, Director Britt. I'm Marla Lane (executive assistant to Director Ron Levy at the Department of Social Services). I wanted to make sure you knew how a highway patrolman, Tommy Roam, helped me last night. I had a flat tire along Highway 50 East and Major Roam [Q/FOB] stopped and changed my tire for me alongside of the highway, on his way home from being on duty yesterday, and **in the**

**rain! He was a lifesaver!!** This has never happened to me before (being stranded along the highway), so needless to say I was a bit scared and wondered what was going to happen to me next. I know nothing about changing a tire (I wasn't even sure where my spare was). He took care of everything before my husband could even get there. I thanked him last night several times, but I don't feel that's enough. I hope you can pass along my apprecia-

tion for Major Roam to the proper folks. I just think he went above and beyond yesterday (Tuesday, March 22, 2011) evening, and I could never thank him enough.

Thanks again to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and especially Major Tommy Roam.

Marla Lane  
Department of Social Services

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Daniel S. Bracker  
Lieutenant  
Troop D



Mark D. Harwell  
Lieutenant  
Troop H



Shawn R. Satterfield  
Lieutenant  
Q/DDCC



Edwin A. Blaylock  
Sergeant  
Troop C



Mark D. DeGraffenreid  
Sergeant  
Troop A



Martin T. Polodna  
Sergeant  
Troop D



Christopher T. Davies  
Corporal  
Troop C



Cody G. Dunfee  
Corporal  
Troop A



James M. Parks  
Asst. Chief Oper.  
Troop F



Brian D. Douglas  
Asst. Chief Tech.  
Q/CommD



Derrick L. Collins  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop D



Jeffrey K. Herzer  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop E

# Promotions and Reclassifications



Denny D. Stortz  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop C



Adam E. Whittom  
Comm. Oper. II  
Troop E



Virginia A. Alston-Smith  
DE III  
Troop A



Alexander A. Belt  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Ryan L. Boeckman  
CIT III  
Q/ISD



Mark A. Cherry  
DE III  
Troop A



Shiloh L. Cochrane  
DE Sprv.  
Troop D



Joseph P. Curtright  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop A



Janet L. Davis  
Criminalist III  
Q/CLD



Mike H. Gramling  
CVE Insp. II  
Troop E



Ashley N. Gregory  
AFIS Entry Oper. II  
Q/CJISD



Lucinda L. Holdridge  
Account Clerk II  
Q/CJISD



# Promotions and Reclassifications



Stefanie J. Joyce  
CVE Inspector II  
Troop A



George R. Middleton  
DE II  
Troop F



Brian K. Miller  
Chief DE  
Troop D



Nancy A. Mooney  
Chief DE  
Troop C



Ricky S. Patterson  
MVI II  
Troop D



Kelly D. Schuler  
DE II  
Troop E



Kyle J. Vaught  
Fingerprint Tech. II  
Q/CJISD

## Criminalist III Davis Earns Certification

*By Criminal Laboratory Division*

Criminalist III Gary D. Davis, Q/CLD, became the first toxicologist in the Crime Lab system to earn FTS-ABFT (Forensic Toxicology Specialist-American Board of Forensic Toxicology) certification. He traveled to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Chicago, IL, in February, to take the exam and fulfill one of the requirements for the certification. The exam covers a comprehensive list of topics on forensic toxicology including analytical procedures, drug and alcohol toxicology, pathology, urine testing, and history. Other requirements for certification include a degree in natural science from an accredited university and at least three years experience in the field. Gary earned his bachelor's of science degree in chemistry from UCLA. Gary has been with the MSHP Crime Lab for four years and came from California with six years of experience in toxicology. Congratulations, Gary, for earning this award!



*Criminalist III Gary D. Davis, Q/CLD*

# Patrol Family Members Run To Remember

**By Mrs. Amanda Gibson**  
**Guest Columnist**

Last October, I ran a 10K (6.2 miles) in St. Louis. After I completed this run, I decided that I wanted to run a half marathon which is 13.1 miles. I started talking to some other people about running with me, and everyone thought that it sounded like a good idea. But, when it came time to register for the GO! St. Louis Marathon, I was by myself. My husband is Trooper Russell R. "Russ" Gibson, Troop E. Because of his job and his safety depending on his physical fitness a lot of the time, he keeps himself in really good physical shape. He usually runs, but never more than a few miles. I think he felt sorry for me, because I was going to have to run by myself. So, he registered and started training for the half marathon.

Cpl. Jay Parsley, a member of my husband's zone, died, and though not work-related, it somehow led to us talking about The MASTERS, and their mission to help the families of the troopers who have been killed in the line of duty. We decided that we would like to try to raise money for The MASTERS. Our plan was for Russ and I to run and take donations or pledges per mile. Whatever we raised would be sent to The MASTERS. I wanted to get Russ and I matching shirts to wear during the run. The MASTERS logo was placed on the front, and the name of each trooper that has been killed in the line of duty was printed on the back, since that was why we were running.

I knew that Lt Jeffrey N. "Jeff" Vitale, Troop E, was a runner and had run the half marathon before, so I called him, told him my plan, and asked if he would be interested. Of course, he was. He also wanted a shirt and we talked about selling the shirts



*Tpr. Russ Gibson crosses the finish line with a time of 2:2:49.*

*Lt. Richard Fredendall, Q/BPD, and his daughter, Jacquelyn Brazas, sprint for the finish line after their 13.1 mile Run To Remember. Jacquelyn's husband is Trooper Shawn A. Brazas, Troop F.*



*Lt. Jeff Vitale, Troop E, Capt. Timothy P. McGrail, Q/CJISD, and Sgt. Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E, ran to remember the Patrol's 29 officers killed in the line of duty and Tpr. J.D. Ellis, who died as a prisoner of war during World War II.*

as a fundraiser. Jeff started training for the run and helped me a tremendous amount with the fundraiser. It wouldn't have been as successful as it was without his help. He was my Patrol contact person.

Jeff sent out e-mails about the fundraiser, the shirts, and the run, and we started getting orders right away. About four or five weeks before the run, I broke my leg. This put me out of the run. I started this, but now Russ was going to be doing it without me. Russ, Jeff, Captain Timothy P. McGrail, Q/CJISD, Captain Kemp A. Shoun, Q/BPD, Lieutenant Richard G. Fredendall, Q/BPD, Sergeant Douglas M. McDaniel, Troop E, and Corporal Jeffery B. "Jeff" Myers, Troop C, and several others ran. I spoke with Mrs. Elaine Libla, secretary for The MASTERS,

about how to get the money to her. She asked if I would want to present it to the president of The MASTERS at the annual banquet and awards ceremony. So, I ended up speaking at the awards banquet.

We were able to donate \$1,372.44 to The MASTERS at the awards banquet on April 16. I think we sold 122 T-shirts. We have had several people contact Jeff and I about ordering shirts, so we placed a second order in May. It was pretty successful for the amount of time and planning that went into it. Jeff and I are talking about organizing a run in our area (Poplar Bluff) next spring as a fundraiser for The MASTERS.

Thank you to everyone who made this fundraiser such a success!



# Patrol Honors 29 At Annual Awards Ceremony

**By Public Info. Spec. III Cheryl D. Cobb, Q/PIED**

On April 16, 2011, the Patrol joined members of The MASTERS to enjoy a good meal and great company, and to honor the heroes of 2010. Governor Jay Nixon served as the keynote speaker. In his remarks, the governor acknowledged the role The MASTERS has played in assisting the families of fallen troopers. He also commended the actions of award recipients. The *Patrol News* invites you to “attend” the annual Patrol Awards and The MASTERS Banquet via pictures.

*Editor's note: For the complete story of each award, please visit the Patrol's home page under the “news releases” section (published April 18, 2011).*



*Sgt. Steven V. Wilhoit, Q/DDCC, sang the national anthem during the opening flag ceremony.*



Colonel Ron Replogle greeted Mrs. Georgiana Schuengel with a warm hug. Mrs. Schuengel is the mother of Sgt. Joseph G. Schuengel, who died in the line of duty on October 15, 2010. Accompanying her were Mrs. Barbara Azzam, Ms. Suzanne Shoemaker, and Ms. Adrienne Miller, Sgt. Schuengel's sisters. The Schuengel family accepted a Memorial Award and a Lifesaving Award (posthumously) honoring Sgt. Schuengel. Gov. Jay Nixon (behind the colonel) also spoke to the family during the presentation.



*Gov. Jay Nixon appears pleased with the honorary membership presented to him by The MASTERS.*



*Sgt. Timothy D. "Tim" Peters, Troop I, accepted a Valor award for his bravery at the scene of a traffic crash, where he rescued a man from his vehicle after it became partially submerged in a creek in Laclede County. Col. Ron Replogle (r) presented the award. Sgt. Peters' children (l to r) Zachary, Malissa, and Aaron, and his wife, Kathy, were proud to join him on the dais.*





Miss Kaitlyn Doza and Mrs. Janelle Doza accompanied Tpr. Donald L. Doza when he accepted a Valor award from Col. Ron Replogle (r). Tpr. Doza was honored for his bravery at the scene of a traffic crash, where he rescued the driver of a van as it caught fire and the camper it was pulling exploded.



On behalf of The MASTERS, Mrs. Lynn Wallis (l) and Col. Ron Replogle (r) present The MASTERS Public Service Award to Cpl. Jason H. Glendenning, Troop I, (center right). Cpl. Glendenning's wife, Amanda, accompanied him.



Mrs. Veronica Piccinino and daughter, Grace, joined their husband and dad, Tpr. Justin D. Piccinino, Troop G, when he accepted a Valor award from Col. Ron Replogle (r). Tpr. Piccinino was honored for his bravery at the scene of a traffic crash, where he rescued a driver from a vehicle after it was swept into the swift water of Bryant Creek in Douglas County.

## 2010 Awards

### *The MASTERS Public Service Award*

Corporal Jason H. Glendenning ..... Troop I

### *Memorial Award*

Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel ..... Troop C

### *Lifesaving Awards*

Clerk Typist II Jamie L. Eichholz ..... Troop C  
 DE III Linda A. Bradley ..... Troop D  
 DE Sprv. Daniel L. Boyd ..... Troop D  
 DE II Christina M. Royster ..... Troop A  
 DE III Jennifer M. Whiting ..... Troop A  
 Trooper Benjamin J. Blankenbeker ..... Troop F  
 Trooper Ricky J. Chapman ..... Troop A  
 Trooper Jeffrey T. Day ..... Troop B  
 Trooper Russell R. "Russ" Gibson ..... Troop E  
 Trooper Jason M. Hurt ..... Troop C  
 Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel (posthumously) ..... Troop C  
 Trooper David L. Johnson ..... Troop A  
 Corporal Eric J. Keim ..... Troop A  
 Trooper Karime T. "Kari" McWilliams ..... Troop A  
 Trooper Matthew E. Morice ..... Troop F  
 Corporal Mark G. Broniec ..... Troop F  
 Trooper Brock A. Vogt ..... Troop I  
 Trooper Kindel C. Ward ..... Troop E  
 Corporal Greg D. Kenley ..... Troop E  
 Sergeant Dale E. Knox ..... Q/GD  
 Sergeant Russell A. "Sammy" Seaton ..... Q/GD

### *Meritorious Awards*

Trooper Travis N. Garton ..... Troop H  
 Sergeant William P. "Bill" Bremer ..... Troop A

### *Civilian Of The Year*

Senior CJIS Manager Jeffrey D. "J.D." Reece ..... Q/CJISD

### *Benjamin Oliver Booth Officer Of The Year*

Lieutenant Terry R. Moore ..... Troop D

### *Valor Award*

Trooper Donald L. "Don" Doza ..... Troop F  
 Trooper Justin D. Piccinino ..... Troop G  
 Sergeant Timothy D. "Tim" Peters ..... Troop I

# 'Looking Beyond the Stop'

*The following officers are to be commended for looking beyond the initial stop. Each of these officers made at least one felony arrest during the period of March 1 to April 29, 2011. (Editor's Note: This column excludes DWI arrests, warrant arrests, and "plain sight" situations. Keep in mind that there must be information under the "miscellaneous" section of the radio report to be considered for this column.)*

## **Troop A**

Tpr. B. Cole, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.R. Cole, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.V. Dillon, 1 arrest  
Sgt. K.M. Fisher, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.A. Green, 1 arrest  
Tpr. T.I. Goosley, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.J. Hastings, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.W. Hoff, 1 arrest  
Sgt. E.L. Hurst, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.A. Jones, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Kline, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.D. Mathis, 1 arrest  
Sgt. R.B. McGinnis, 3 arrests  
Tpr. J.P. Millsap, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.N. Morey, 2 arrests  
Tpr. L.K. Nelson, 4 arrests  
Cpl. G.D. Primm, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Sanson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. E.L. Tyrrell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. Wilhoit, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.J. Yoder, 1 arrest

## **Troop B**

Cpl. R.H. Bartels, 1 arrest  
Tpr. K.E. Easley, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.R. Fenton, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.J. Glover, 1 arrest  
Tpr. P.B. Grubaugh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. G.T. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. B.A. Mason, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.F. Porter, 4 arrests  
Sgt. D.P. Roberts, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.M. Soebbing, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.E. Thoman, 1 arrest

## **Troop C**

Tpr. C.M. Bishop, 2 arrests  
Sgt. J.R. Campbell, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Casper, 1 arrest

Tpr. T.S. Croft, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Diffie, 1 arrest  
Sgt. J.L. Ellsworth, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Henry, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.S. Huskey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. N.V. Jannin, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Maudlin, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Potocki, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.R. Summers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.J. West, 1 arrest

## **Troop D**

Tpr. E.B. Adams, 1 arrest  
Tpr. Z.K. Bryan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.B. Carnagey, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.L. Mason, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.R. Monk, 2 arrests  
Cpl. C.T. Moreland, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.S. Rice, 1 arrest

## **Troop E**

Tpr. K.A. Barnett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.C. Cooksey, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.W. Crank, 5 arrests  
Tpr. B.W. Emerson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. C.D. Hamlett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.R. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. R.D. Owens, 2 arrests  
Tpr. B.A. Pratt, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.M. Spain, 1 arrest  
Cpl. J.S. Stewart, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.P. Watson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.T. Wilson, 1 arrest

## **Troop F**

Sgt. W.V. Ahrens, 1 arrest  
Tpr. L.D. Declue, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.L. Doza, 5 arrests  
Cpl. M.A. Halford, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.L. Hall, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.R. Haslag, 2 arrests

Tpr. C.G. Holzschuh, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.B. Johnson, 5 arrests  
Tpr. J.D. Miller, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.E. Morice, 3 arrests  
Tpr. C.J. North, 2 arrests  
Tpr. T.D. Stegeman, 2 arrests  
Tpr. R.L. Vannada, 1 arrest  
Cpl. T.R. Walley, 1 arrest

## **Troop G**

Tpr. L.S. Elliott, 1 arrest  
Tpr. S.N. Foster, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.J. Johnson, 1 arrest  
Cpl. S.L. Nelson, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.D. Piccinino, 2 arrests  
Sgt. C.N. Ponder, 1 arrest  
Tpr. R.J. Vaughn, 1 arrest

## **Troop H**

Sgt. L.M. Allen, 2 arrests  
Tpr. D.F. Barnett, 2 arrests  
Tpr. J.M. Cross, 2 arrests  
Cpl. H.B. Cowan, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Daly, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.L. Israel, 2 arrests  
Tpr. K.F. Jeffers, 1 arrest  
Tpr. J.C. Gilliland, 1 arrest  
Tpr. A.K. Griffin, 1 arrest  
Cpl. M.R. Heits, 1 arrest  
Tpr. B.R. Hilliard, 5 arrests  
Tpr. J.R. Johnston, 4 arrests  
Tpr. D.A. Landi, 2 arrests  
Sgt. M.P. Quilty, 1 arrest  
Tpr. D.R. Reuter, 1 arrest  
Tpr. M.L. Starmer, 5 arrests  
Cpl. T.B. Ziegler, 1 arrest

## **Troop I**

Tpr. J.T. Peart, 4 arrests

# THE MASTERS CORNER

## Generous Donations Highlight Annual Gathering

### By The MASTERS

The MASTERS' 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting was held on April 16, 2011, at the Patrol's General Headquarters in Jefferson City. During the board meeting, Mrs. Beth Knight, of St. Louis, was elected to serve on the board of directors representing Troop C, along with Mr. Bill Ronecker, of St. Louis. Mrs. Knight has been a member of The MASTERS since 2003 and we welcome her to the board.

Also, the following directors were elected to serve as officers for 2011-2012:

#### President

*Mr. Doug Mitchell, Warrensburg*

#### Vice President

*Mrs. Lynn Wallis, Cuba*

#### Secretary

*Mr. Ed Braschler, Doniphan*

#### Treasurer

*Ret. Capt. Jack Merritt, Springfield*

That evening, The MASTERS members, along with members of the Patrol and guests, enjoyed the banquet and Patrol Annual Awards Ceremony. We were honored to have Governor Jay Nixon as the guest speaker. Corporal Jason H. Glendenning, Troop I, was presented The MASTERS Public Service Award recognizing his many efforts and accomplishments in community service. In addition, the following new "Lifetime Members" of The MASTERS were recognized:

- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blackwell, Poplar Bluff
- Mr. and Mrs. Jim Engelhard, Excelsior Springs
- Mrs. Betty Fabick, St. Louis
- Mr. and Mrs. John W. Runk, Ste. Genevieve
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whelan, Poplar Bluff

The MASTERS was proud to present an Honorary Membership to Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kirn, of St. Charles, in appreciation of their efforts in fundraising for The MASTERS in honor of their family member, J.P. Rosciglione, who died in a hit and run traffic crash in



*Mr. Douglas Mitchell, president of The MASTERS, accepts a donation from Mrs. Amanda Gibson for \$1,372.*

*Mr. Eric Gorham and Mr. Marc Meschke present \$10,000 to The MASTERS from the Gateway To Innovation conference. Mr. Douglas Mitchell (l), president of The MASTERS, accepted the gift.*



2005. Mr. and Mrs. Kirn, with the help of other family members, have held six annual fundraisers raising a total of over \$50,000, all of which has been donated to The MASTERS. Thank you!

Mrs. Amanda Gibson, of Dexter, presented a donation in the amount of \$1,372 to The MASTERS. These funds were generated by accepting pledges for her husband, Trooper Russell R. "Russ" Gibson, Troop E, who ran in the St. Louis Marathon on April 10, 2011. Amanda had intended to run in the marathon as well, but broke her leg and was unable to run at that time. T-shirts were printed and sold to generate part of the funds. Thank you Amanda, Russ, and everyone who participated in this fundraiser to memorialize the 29 officers of the Missouri State Highway Patrol who have died in the line of duty since 1931.

The MASTERS was very pleasantly surprised at the banquet with a generous donation in amount of \$10,000 from Gateway To Innovation. This presentation was made by Mr. Eric Gorham, a The MASTERS member, and Mr. Marc Meschke. Both gentlemen are with Regional Justice Information Services (REJIS) in St. Louis. Recently, Mr. Gorham had asked the Patrol if they would

arrange a display of some of the latest technology it uses for a conference he was planning in St. Louis. The Patrol did a great job with the display.

The Gateway To Innovation conference is an annual event that brings together great IT leaders and thinkers from across the nation to inspire, collaborate, and maintain a competitive advantage. Each year, any proceeds from the conference (after expenses) are donated to a worthy group. This year, they chose The MASTERS as the recipient. The MASTERS is extremely grateful to Gateway To Innovation for this generous donation. The MASTERS would also like to thank the employees of the Patrol's Criminal Justice Information Services Division and Communications Division for setting up and staffing the displays at the conference.

Presently there are over 1,100 members in The MASTERS. If you have a family member or friend that you would like to recommend for membership, please contact The MASTERS office by calling 573-686-1619 or email: [office@themastersmo.org](mailto:office@themastersmo.org).

As always, we are grateful to our many members and friends for their support.



# Retirements

## Lt. Gregory L. “Greg” Word



After more than 31 years of dedicated service, Lieutenant Gregory L. “Greg” Word, Q/AD, retired effective January 1, 2011.

Word began his career with the Patrol on July 9, 1979, as a member of the 50th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol’s Law Enforcement Academy, he was first assigned to Troop D, Zone 7, Neosho, MO. He transferred from Troop D to the Aircraft Division, General Headquarters, as a pilot on August 1, 1988. While in the Aircraft Division, he was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1989, and sergeant on November 1, 1991. On June 1, 2002, Word was promoted to lieutenant and designated director of the Aircraft Division. It is from this position that he retires.

Greg holds the following certificates and ratings: airline transport pilot-airplane multiengine land, commercial privileges, airplane single engine land, rotorcraft-helicopter, instrument helicopter, flight instructor-airplane, single and multiengine, and instrument airplane. During his career, he was involved in all aspects of airborne law enforcement. Greg took part in a variety of special details over the years and flew officers all over the United States. He helped with the Law Enforcement Torch Run, an American Legion Convention, inauguration details, Take Your Child To Work Day presentations, Camp Quality, and worked marijuana

eradication. He attended the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington, D.C.

One assignment led to Greg’s being injured. On May 19, 1994, a bank robbery in Ashland, MO, led to an investigation and pursuit involving the Patrol and eight other agencies. The suspects shot and killed the bank president before fleeing with a bag of money. When a Cole County deputy observed a vehicle matching the suspects, a pursuit began. Greg, a sergeant at the time, Sgt. A.J. Stricker, Q/AD, and Cpl. David H. Mease, Troop F, were flying above the pursuit on Missouri Highway 94. When the pursuit ended, one of the suspects exited the vehicle and shot at the Patrol helicopter. The suspects then took their own lives.

The helicopter was hit by 12 pellets of 00 buckshot. Greg was struck in both legs, and, after an emergency landing, transported by the Staff for Life helicopter to the University Hospital and Clinics in Columbia, MO, where he underwent surgery. He recovered and returned to duty. The Patrol recognized the officers in the helicopter with Meritorious Citations. Rep. Gracia Backer presented a House of Representatives Resolution to Greg “commending and applauding” him for his meritorious efforts that day.

On July 1, 2006, the Missouri State Highway Patrol Aircraft Division was tasked with the responsibility of all gubernatorial and elected official air travel. Greg oversaw the most effective use of state aircraft for these flights. In 2009, Greg was instrumental in the purchase and installation of a new Forward Looking Infrared camera system with an integrated microwave downlink system on a helicopter based in Jefferson City.

“He was an excellent lieutenant to work for,” said Lt. David Striegel, Q/AD. “He never asked us to accept a flight that he wouldn’t be willing to do himself. He was an excellent pilot with advanced ratings, as well as a Christian man with a high level of integrity.”

“I’ve known Greg for over 25 years and consider him a true friend,” said Captain Gregory D. Kindle, Troop F. “He is an excellent pilot and is very well respected in all law enforcement circles. I truly enjoyed working and flying with Greg.”

Greg was born in Springfield, MO. He graduated from Clever R-II High School in Clever, MO, in 1973. In 1979, he earned a bachelor’s of science degree in criminal justice from the School of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, MO. Greg and his wife, Deborah, have two grown sons.

*Enjoy your retirement, Greg!*

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## *Congratulations On Your Retirement!*

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**Natalie J. Barron**  
DE III  
Troop C

*Retired May 1, 2011.*

*Almost 25 years of dedicated service.*

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## Sgt. Franklin D. “Frank” Chambers



Sergeant Frank D. Chambers, Troop A, Zone 14 zone commander, serving Bates County, retires after more than 27 years of dedicated service. Frank's retirement is effective April 1, 2011.

On Thursday, March 31, 2011, a room full of friends and family at Troop A shared stories, laughs, and cake at a retirement reception honoring Frank. Lieutenant James P. “Jim” Ripley served as emcee and laughter was the theme celebrating Frank's storied career.

Those present learned that Frank was truly one of the finest policemen in the field. His law enforcement career spans a remarkable 37 plus years. Frank graduated from Ozark, MO, High School, in 1969. He immediately accepted a civilian position with the Kansas City, MO, Police Department, following one of his three older brothers, Joe, who is now retired KCPD, into law enforcement. When Frank turned 21, he was appointed to Kansas City's academy and began patrolling the East Patrol Division. He earned the rank of sergeant and, eventually, was assigned to the KCPD Tactical/SWAT team. When asked if he had ever been involved in a shooting during his career, Frank paused before calmly replying, “It was a common occurrence in Kansas City to be involved

in an officer-involved shooting. I was shot at a few times and returned fire, but never hit anybody.”

Frank began his career with the Patrol on January 1, 1984, as a member of the 56th Recruit Class. After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy (ranking first academically in his class), he was first assigned to Troop A, serving Bates County, which ironically is the assignment from which he retires—despite an adventurous career with the Patrol. He transferred to Cass County a year later, before being promoted and designated assistant zone commander of Troop A, Clay County, in 1989.

In 1992, Frank was urged by now retired Sergeant Lloyd A. Kerns, to apply for a DDCC criminal investigator position when it came open. Subsequently, he was assigned as a criminal investigator in Troop A. Frank worked as a criminal investigator in Troop A before transferring to the Narcotics Unit, where he supervised the West Central Drug Task Force. While in DDCC, Frank was assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Apprehension Task Force with now Lt. Ripley.

Following the 1993 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Court House in Oklahoma City, OK, Frank was assigned to the FBI Joint Terrorism task force, specifically targeting domestic terrorism. During this assignment, Frank infiltrated extremist groups, which involved creating a fake criminal history for his undercover name, fake identification, and traveling throughout the United States on a moment's notice. This assignment resulted in strict covert and undercover operations, developing intelligence and evidence that led to numerous federal firearms and bomb making violation indictments throughout the Midwest of a variety of individuals. Frank said that many people do not realize the individuals responsible for the bombing of the federal courthouse in Oklahoma City were believed to be planning to bomb the federal courthouse in Kansas City as a secondary target if they

could not bomb The Murrah building. The Murrah building bombing was the impetus for the birth of the Organized Crime Unit within DDCC. Frank transferred to Troop I's DDCC Unit, and then to Troop D's DDCC Unit before returning to Troop I as a lieutenant in 2003 where he served for three years. While serving in Troop I in 2005, he and then sergeant George Arnold (now a lieutenant) stopped to render assistance to a 36-year-old male from Springfield, who had an active traffic warrant for his arrest. While attempting to arrest the drug impaired subject, the man refused to obey the repeated requests of the troopers to quit resisting. This resulted in a struggle that continued across the eastbound lanes of the interstate, causing traffic to stop. The intensity of the struggle escalated until it was necessary for both officers to deploy their pepper spray.

As the struggle continued, a motorist intervened and assisted the officers in subduing the suspect. During the struggle, Frank sustained an injury to his hand and Sgt. Arnold inadvertently received pepper spray to his facial area. The suspect sustained abrasions to his knees. An ambulance was called to the scene to decontaminate both troopers and the suspect for the affects of the pepper spray, and to examine all individuals for any possible injuries. Shortly after the ambulance arrived, the suspect quit breathing and was immediately transported to the Phelps County Regional Medical Center, in Rolla, MO. Later, he was pronounced dead due to a condition known as “excited delirium”.

Both officers were sued for \$30 million. Thanks to God, and the tireless efforts of Mr. David Hansen, Missouri State Attorney General's Office, they prevailed and won their case.

In 2006, he transferred to Troop A, Zone 11, Cass County, where he played a vital role in the success of the

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zone. Among his routine duties, Frank was the primary interrogator and seasoned zone veteran, willing to help out whenever possible. He was called upon numerous times, mostly while off-duty, to come to the Cass County Jail to interrogate suspects for a wide variety of reasons. Frank has an uncanny ability to obtain a confession or information from a suspect to further solidify a case.

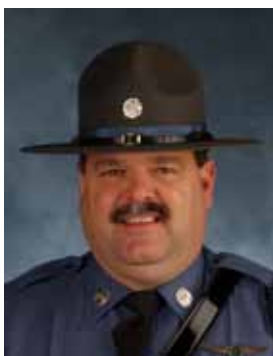
In 2008, Frank was appointed as the zone sergeant of Zone 14, which serves Bates County. It is from that assignment he is retiring. Throughout his career, Frank's accomplishments and the way he represented the Patrol are second to none. He has investigated homicides, attended KKK rallies and militia meetings, been assigned to state fair details and MU football details, uncovered car theft rings, recovered stolen weapons, and developed solid relationships throughout his career that future Patrol generations can build upon.

Frank was born in Bruner, MO. He is the son of the late T.R. and Dixie Chambers. He is married to Deborah Sue (Burke), of Harrisonville, MO. Frank has two children: Christopher Chambers and Angela Chambers-Yates. Christopher is married to Cara Chambers of Holden, MO. Angela is married to Tony Yates, of Harrisonville. Deborah has one son, Travis Mickelberry, and his wife is Michelle Mickelberry, of Harrisonville. Deborah has one daughter, Megan Rudell, and her husband is Clint Rudell, of Harrisonville. Frank and Deborah are the proud grandparents of Daryn Chambers; Cheyenne, Gracie, and Josie Yates; as well as Mayleigh, Brycen, and Raigen Mickelberry.

Frank and Deborah plan to travel to Yellowstone National Park and New England in the near future. Frank says they plan to spend a great deal of their time enjoying their grandchildren and

taking occasional hunting and fishing trips. Congratulations, Frank, on your retirement! The Troop A staff and employees wish you the very best. You are truly one of a kind!

## Sgt. David L. Erb



On April 1, 2011, Sergeant David L. Erb retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 28 years of service.

David is a native of Union, MO, and a graduate of Union High School. David attended the University of Missouri for two years before embarking on his Patrol career. He was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol in 1983, as a member of the 55<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class, and upon graduation was assigned to Troop I, Zone 2, Phelps County, living in Rolla. Upon the death of his stepfather, David transferred back home to Union, in Troop C, to care for an underage brother, where he remained until his brother's graduation from high school. In October 1992, David transferred back to Troop I to the newly-created Zone 7, Dent County. A promotion to corporal came in June 1993, and his selection as the pilot for Troops G and I in November 1994, took David back to Rolla. In October 1997, David was promoted to sergeant. David transferred to Troop G in July 2000 and took up residence in Mountain Grove, MO. He continued to provide air support for Troops G and I, and became helicopter certified in 2003.

David is married to Karen (Murfin), who is originally from Willow Springs. Karen is an administrative office support assistant, who serves as Captain Dwayne F. Isringhausen's secretary at Troop G Headquarters. David and Karen have two children: Matt, 19, is a freshman at Missouri State University in West Plains; and Megan, 15, is a freshman at Mountain Grove High School.

David worked numerous special assignments in his career, to include: the manhunts for Jerome Mallett, John David Brown, and Glen Paul Sweet; the Missouri State Fair; and trout season opening days at Meramec Springs State Park and Montauk State Park. David says that he was assigned to the security details at several executions at the prison in Potosi. In terms of his role as a pilot, David lists providing air support for the Ameren UE reservoir collapse and the Caruthersville tornado aftermath as two of his more memorable experiences.

"In retirement", says David, "my primary goal is to get to the bottom of Karen's honey-do list, which is as long as the runway at West Plains Municipal." David also says that he plans to spend time hunting, fishing, camping, gardening, and serving as a deacon at First Baptist Church in Mountain Grove. He wants to spend more time working on the cabin at the family farm in Dent County, and spend more time with his immediate and extended families.

*"David Erb was my Academy classmate," recalls Sergeant Martin K. "Marty" Elmore, Troop G. In fact, on the morning of January 3, 1983, David was the first classmate I met and had any interaction with. It happened as I was about to walk into the dormitory for the very first time. I was walking down the sidewalk, clothes and other possessions in hand, when I saw David coming out the door toward me. I only knew that he had to be one of my fellow recruits, because his haircut looked ex-*



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*actly like mine! David's eyes were the diameter of a coffee mug – it was very apparent to me that he had experienced something deep in the bowels of that building that had secured his complete attention! I was soon to learn exactly what had impressed my comrade so! At any rate, I will never forget David's first words to me, 'Whatever you do, say sir to everything and don't ride the elevator!' I took David's advice to heart, and I have to give him credit for giving me that little extra "edge" necessary to survive those first few moments in the lion's den."*

David, all of your friends at Troop G and around the state wish you good health, happiness, and great adventures in retirement!

## Cpl. Michael A. "Mike" McClain



Corporal Michael A. "Mike" McClain retired on June 1, 2011, after 25 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Mike began his career with the 57th Recruit Class on September 1, 1985. Upon his graduation from the Patrol Academy, Mike's first assignment was in Troop A, Zone 16, Pettis County. He was promoted to corporal on May 1, 1995.

In May 2002, Mike was assigned to the Gaming Division, and worked at the Isle of Capri in Kansas City. He

was assigned as the motor equipment/evidence officer for the Gaming Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City, in July 2003.

Mike returned to his former Troop A zone in Pettis County in May 2004. In 2007, Mike completed an internship with the Governor's Security Division. Mike transferred to the Governor's Security Division in August 2007, and served in that assignment until his retirement.

During his career, Mike has served in many special assignments, including being a member of Troop A's SWAT team for 12 years. He was assigned to the National Governor's Association Summer Meeting in St. Louis in 1999. Mike worked the Hell's Angels detail at the Lake of the Ozarks in 2002. Being assigned to Pettis County gave Mike the opportunity to be involved in many State Fair assignments. Mike was a valuable member of the Governor's Security Division, handling numerous travel assignments, including trips to Washington, D.C., New York City, the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, MN, and the commissioning of the USS Missouri in Groton, CT.

Mike was born in East St. Louis, IL, and grew up in Granite City, IL. He served in the United States Navy from 1974 to 1978. He attended Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, IL, after his service in the Navy. Mike was a police officer with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department from 1981 to 1985, before joining the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Mike's wife, Kathy, is from St. Louis, where they will reside after his retirement. Mike has a grown son, Sean Michael McClain. Mike plans to enjoy golf, traveling, and spending time with his family.

## CITS II Pamela E. Ferguson



On May 1, 2011, Computer Information Technologist Specialist II Pamela E. "Pam" Ferguson, Q/ISD, retired after more than 34 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. On April 29, a retirement reception took place in the Information Systems Division.

Pam began her career at the Highway Patrol on September 27, 1976, as a Clerk I in the Criminal Records Division. She worked the evening shift while attending Lincoln University during the daytime. On January 1, 1977, Pam was reclassified to video operator trainee responsible for converting the information on the fingerprint cards to an electronic record. On August 1, 1977, Pam was promoted to Video Operator I.

On November 20, 1978, Pam transferred to the Information Systems Division with a title change to data clerk trainee. Pam was a keypunch operator—for those of you who can remember that type of technology. The programmers in ISD would submit their written lines of COBOL code for the keypunch operators to key into keypunch cards. Once that was finished, the programmers would compile the code before a program could be run. On June 1, 1979, Pam was promoted to Data Clerk I. On June 1,

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1980, Pam was promoted to Data Clerk II. On June 1, 1981, Pam was promoted to Data Clerk III. On May 1, 1982, Pam was reclassified to Data Clerk II.

Pam and some of her coworkers were encouraged to take computer science classes at Lincoln University in order to change career paths and work toward a future in computer programming. On August 1, 1984, Pam was reclassified to programmer trainee. On February 1, 1986, Pam was promoted to Programmer I. On August 1, 1987, Pam was promoted to Programmer II. On April 1, 1995, Pam was reclassified to Programmer Analyst I. On January 1, 1996, Pam was reclassified to Computer Information Specialist II. On July 19, 1998, Pam was promoted to Computer Information Specialist III. On February 1, 2000, Pam was promoted to Data Processing Specialist I. On March 1, 2000, Pam was reclassified to Computer Information Technologist Specialist I. On January 1, 2001, Pam was promoted to Computer Information Technologist Specialist II.

Throughout her career, Pam has had the opportunity to work on a number of projects, including (but not limited to) Missouri Prosecutors Case Management System (MOPICS), PCs in the zone offices, AS400 applications, and a number of Lotus Notes applications utilized throughout the Patrol. On November 18, 2005, Pam was certified as a Missouri project manager for the state of Missouri. Most recently, Pam was assigned as the project manager for the Computerized Criminal History System as part of the Missouri Criminal Justice Modernization Project (MCJMP).

Pam served on several committees while employed by the Patrol including the committee responsible for planning the activities for the 75th anniversary of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A few years ago, ISD held a contest to design a logo to be displayed on shirts to be worn by ISD

staff. Pam was the winner of that contest, and the logo can still be seen on shirts worn in ISD.

Pam was born in Versailles, MO, the daughter of the late Robert and Nellie Ross. She graduated from Versailles High School in 1976. She met her future husband Paul in 1975, when he came to Versailles with some friends. In fact, Paul was instrumental in helping her get hired by the Patrol. Paul's brother-in-law had worked here before, and he called somebody at the Patrol and asked them to consider her for a job if there was an opening. Those were the days before a formal interview board.

Pam married Paul Ferguson on May 3, 1980. They have two children, Melissa Oliver (and her husband, Bryan), of Holts Summit, and Paul L.R. Ferguson, who is attending Kansas University in Lawrence, KS, to obtain his master's degree. He's still a Miz-zou alumnus through and through, so, please, no boo-ing! Paul and Pam are the proud grandparents of Tytus Paul and Treytan Preston Oliver. Bryan and Melissa are expecting their third child in late October.

In addition to working with a great group of people in ISD and the Patrol, Pam also made a lot of special friends at the Patrol. She saw these friends get married, have children, and now those children are having children. Pam describes one of her best friends as Paula Amos. When Paula came to work at the Patrol, she brought a sense of humor that has not been matched. Pam and Paula were around each other so much that on more than one occasion, people would call her Paula instead of Pam and vice versa. Paula can make a person laugh like not many people can. Pam and Paula are planning a trip together to Las Vegas in the fall. That town will never be the same.

Pam stated working for the Patrol has been an honor and a privilege. Pam said she will miss her friends, who are more like an extended part of her family, and co-workers here at the Patrol. It will be hard to not see, talk,

share a laugh or joke with them each day, but she plans to keep in touch with them and some of the other retirees from ISD. After all, that's what e-mail, smart phones, and all other forms of communication technology are for!

Pam's plans for retirement are to continue to help her husband with the clerical side of his construction business, take a few trips this summer, and spend time with her family. She plans to do some volunteer work in the pediatric section of Capital Region Hospital as well as read to her niece's 4th grade class at Thorpe Gordon Elementary School. Someone told Pam not too long ago that in retirement every night is like Friday night and every day is like Saturday. That sounds like a good way of putting it.

## Chief DE Sheryl L. "Sherry" Curtis



Chief Driver Examiner Sheryl L. "Sherry" Curtis, Troop D, retired on May 1, 2011, after over 25 years of service with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Sherry started in January 1986, and was assigned to the Carthage travel crew. She was promoted to Driver Examiner III in January 1991. In May 1993, she was promoted to supervisor on the Carthage travel crew. Sherry was promoted to chief examiner for Troop D in September 1994.

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Sherry is a native of Miller, MO, and graduated from Missouri Southern State University with an associate's of science degree in accounting. Prior to her employment with the Patrol, she worked for Tuxall Uniform (now Southern Uniform and Equipment) in their accounting and payroll department.

Sherry has been a member of Red Oak United Methodist Church since childhood. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, reading, camping, traveling, trail riding, and spending time with family and friends. She says she married her high school sweetheart, Chuck, in 1977, and they have two grown children, Cassie and Chase.

The employees of Troop D wish Sherry and Chuck all the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

## DE III Clark R. Fischer



On April 1, 2011, Driver Examiner III Clark R. Fischer retired after 37 1/2 years of dedicated service to the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Clark started his career with the Patrol on October 1, 1973, at the Moline Acres DE Station in North St. Louis County. Clark worked at the Moline Acres location for 11 months before he was transferred to the St. Charles DE Station where he worked for over 36 years. Throughout his career he enjoyed all aspects of his job, but his love was the road skills test where he was fortunate

to administer nearly 90,000 road tests. Clark was born in St. Louis, MO, and graduated from St. Charles High School in 1966. Clark married Denise (Lienemann) on May 7, 1977. Clark has two children, Tim and Stephanie, who live in Columbia, MO.

Clark and Denise plan on spending a lot of time with their kids and getting caught up on projects around their house.

Troop C employees thank Clark for all his hard work, dedication, and the service he provided to the public. Good luck, Clark!

## Chief Operator Vinita K. Williams



On March 1, 2011, Chief Operator Vinita K. Williams retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after more than 25 years of service.

Chief Williams is a native of Willow Springs, MO, and a graduate of Willow Springs High School. After graduation, Vinita began her career in telecommunications with the Willow Springs Police Department, where she worked as a dispatcher for a year and a half before taking a similar position with the Howell County Sheriff's Department. After four years with that department, she returned to the Willow Springs Police Department for another year.

On August 15, 1985, Vinita began her career with the Patrol at Troop I, Rolla, where she worked until her pro-

motion to radio and telecommunications training engineer in August 2000. At that same time, she transferred to Troop G, Willow Springs. In February 2007, Vinita became the first female chief operator in the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Vinita is married to Chief Operator Todd L. Robitsch, who is transferring from Troop E to Troop G to fill his wife's vacated position. Vinita has twin sons: Kent and Ryan Smith, 23. Kent is a dispatcher at the West Plains Police Department, and is engaged to Ms. April Brown. Ryan is working at Guaranty Bank in Springfield, MO, and is continuing his education at Missouri State University in Springfield. Vinita also has two stepdaughters: Kathleen Robitsch, who is a student at Missouri State University in Springfield, and Candace Robitsch, a freshman at Broseley High School, Broseley, MO.

Vinita plans to stay busy enjoying the outdoors in retirement by hiking, backpacking, gardening, and traveling. She also plans to take some metal-smithing courses and learn to play the guitar.

When asked about notable experiences with the Patrol, Vinita mentions working the radio console during the John David Brown manhunt near Rolla in 1987, and being one of the first two female radio operators (with Dawnda Pentlin) assigned to work at the State Fair in 1987, as experiences that she will never forget.

Vinita says, "I've seen a lot of change in the Communications Division in my career. When I started we were using manual typewriters, and when I left, troopers had PCs in their cars! There was something new every day. You never knew what to expect. I've enjoyed it!"

All of us at Troop G want to wish Vinita good times, good health, and happiness in her retirement!



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## Asst. Chief Oper. Barbara E. “Barb” Graham



After more than 31 years of dedicated service, Assistant Chief Operator Barbara E. “Barb” Graham, Troop F, retired on February 1, 2011. Barb was the first female radio operator in the Communications Division of the Patrol. She was a trailblazer for females in that division. She joined the Patrol on October 1, 1979, and her first assignment was to Troop F, Jefferson City.

A defining moment in her career was the death of Trooper Dennis Marriott in June 1981. Dennis was struck by a drunk driver in Jefferson City. She felt the loss of Dennis as if he was her own brother. She realized what an important job she had trying to keep “her” officers safe. Barb spent the next 30 years working in Dennis’ honor.

Barb became involved with the newly formed Missouri State Troopers Association in 1982. She is the only person to have served the Troop F/GHQ MOSTA chapter as secretary, treasurer, vice president, president, and board member. She served on the MOSTA Board for 10 years. In the early ‘80s, Barb worked through MOSTA to establish a trooper memorial on the grounds of Missouri’s Capitol. When the Missouri Law Enforcement Foundation was established, Barb was appointed to serve as MOSTA’s representative. Missouri’s Law Enforcement

Memorial stands on the south side of the Capitol. She is still active with the foundation today.

Barb worked with Trooper George Hamilton, whose wife worked at Tan-Tar-A, to establish the Law Enforcement Memorial Golf Tournament. Barb volunteered at the tournament for 15 years. She was instrumental in establishing the Missouri State Survivors Association (MOSSA). This was a support group for families of troopers killed in the line of duty. From 1985 to 1990, Barb worked with the families of troopers killed in the line of duty. While accompanying several Patrol widows to the dedication of the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C., she met several law enforcement survivors from Missouri. It was on that trip that Barb decided MOSSA needed to serve all Missouri law enforcement survivors.

She worked with Kathleen Young, the president of Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.), and founded Missouri Concerns of Police Survivors (MOCOPS). Barb served as director of MOCOPS from 1991 to 2001. In conjunction with her duties as MOCOPS director and MOSTA Memorial Foundation Board member, Barb coordinated the surviving families at Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial Service each May. She spent many hours researching the names and addresses of families of officers killed in the line of duty, so they could be made aware of the memorial service. She mailed invitations to several hundred family members each year. When Barb stepped down as MOCOPS director, this task was adopted by the Fraternal Order of Police.

In 1997, Barb coordinated a trip for MOCOPS families to attend the National Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Washington, D.C. She made over 300 angels to sell to fund the trip. She did all this while continuing to work as a radio operator for the Patrol.

She still attends Missouri’s Law Enforcement Memorial Service as a MOSTA representative. In 1998, Barb

and Marilyn Bassett, widow of Maries County Sheriff Roy Bassett, worked with then-Representative Joe Clay Crum to have legislation written to designate May 15 as Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial Day, and to lower all flags on state buildings to half-staff in honor of our fallen heroes.

Barb also served as a peer counselor for the Patrol. Barb was known for her ability to listen and her ability to try to help others.

In 1999, Barb was promoted to assistant chief radio and telecommunications engineer at Troop I, Rolla. She spent two years there and still says it was the best two years of her career. Because her family remained in Jefferson City, she transferred back to Troop F as a radio and telecommunications training engineer in 2001. She was in charge of MULES training for the Troop F area, in addition to her radio console and desk duties. She supervised desk operations for several years. Barb was the MULES trainer until June 2008, when the CJIS Division took over the training duties.

As a MULES trainer, Barb developed classes that were intended for MULES Inquiry users and the Department of Corrections. She tried to tailor classes to the needs of users. One such specialized class took place in the Patrol Academy’s gym – to accommodate the more than 300 people who attended. Barb also arranged for telecommunications to learn about the realism of terrorism in mid-Missouri, the influx of gang activities in Missouri, and the Missouri Information Analysis Center from people directly involved in those areas of law enforcement. While working the console, Barb understood and used the MIAC system regularly.

She also taught at the Patrol Academy, addressing trooper recruits, commercial vehicle recruits, communications recruits, and chaplains. She developed a program where the communications recruits would work the radio while the trooper recruits would initiate traffic stops and pursuits at the EVOC track. This was valuable train-

# Retirements

ing for the communications recruits.

Barb is a certified APCO instructor and has taught classes at APCO/NENA conferences in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Barb was awarded the George Major Trainer of the Year Award in September 2010, and was deeply moved to have received such an honor.

In addition to Barb's work activities she was active in the lives of her five children. She was a playground volunteer, sick room volunteer, and substitute teacher at Immaculate Conception School. She was a room mother for a total of 15 years. She's been active in her church and served as a Cub Scout leader, too.

Barb is the daughter of Rus and Sue Burghoff, of St. Louis. She has four sisters and two brothers. Barb is married to Bill E. Graham, who is employed by the Missouri Department of Transportation. She and Bill have five children and two grandchildren. She has numerous sons wearing the blue uniform, and considers them "her boys".

Thank you, Barb, for your dedication and for your many years of service to the Patrol and the entire law enforcement community. We hope you and Bill enjoy your newest adventure – retirement!

## Got E-mail?

Retired, but want to keep in touch? **Retirees of the Missouri State Highway Patrol** may provide their e-mail address to Desig. Principal Asst. Carla J. Bruemmer and receive regular updates. If you'd like to be on the list, send her an e-mail at [carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov](mailto:carla.bruemmer@mshp.dps.mo.gov). If you have any questions, feel free to call her at 573-526-6130.

## Asst. Chief Oper. Denis C. Phillips



On February 1, 2011, Asst. Chief Oper. Denis C. Phillips retired from the Missouri State Highway Patrol after almost 24 years of dedicated service.

Denis graduated from Washington High School in Washington, MO, in 1971, and then attended East Central College where he received an associate's degree in business administration. While attending classes he worked for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department as a deputy, doing everything from patrolling or dispatching to tending the jail. He left the sheriff's department in 1976, and went to work for the city of Washington as a police officer until 1981. Soon after, he went into communications and managed the city's 9-1-1 system. He worked for the city until he was hired by the Patrol.

Denis began his career with the Patrol in August 1985, when he was hired as a probationary radio operator for Troop C. He began working when the Patrol used manual typewriters and the communication personnel had to take incarceration reports on three-by-five cards, which they had to file each and every day. Throughout his career at Troop C, Denis developed a reputation as the man with the "voice" and as an operator who the troopers working the road could count on to get things done. Every trooper in Troop C, both retired and active, knew when Denis was working because of the deep baritone voice that reminded them of the blues singer,

Barry White. Even though we don't know much about his singing abilities, his voice and positive attitude provided great comfort to the troopers working the road. Denis worked with retired Director of Radio Jim Biggerstaff, retired Chief Tony Chinnici, retired Asst. Chief Tele. Eng. Jim Ferry, and Section Chief J. Corey Chaney, Q/CommD, all of whom are legends at Troop C.

Because of his skills with the computer and his uncanny ability to find just about any person or vehicle in the MULES or the DOR system, he was instrumental in helping DDCC solve a kidnapping and bank robbery case in 1990. For this, he received a Meritorious Service award.

Denis was very dedicated to the Patrol. In 2001, he took an 18-month break from the Patrol for personal reasons. However, he came back and worked for Troop C until 2008. He later transferred to Troop I. While still assigned to Troop I, he was promoted to assistant chief, then transferred back to Troop C where he finished his career. In his years with the Patrol, Denis said the change in technology was simply amazing, especially when the Patrol went from the typewriters to computers and eventually to the Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD). He stated he was glad he retired before FatPot and X-Wave came on-line.

Because of his deep voice and dedication to the road trooper, Denis was asked on three different, but sad occasions, to dispatch the "last call" at the funerals of Patrol members killed in the line of duty—Trooper Ralph C. Tatoian, Corporal Dennis E. Engelhard, and Sergeant Joseph G. "Joe" Schuengel. When asked about this, Denis indicated those were his proudest moments with the Patrol.

In his retirement, he eventually wants to travel to Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and to any warm sandy beach he can find. However, in March he started another career dispatching for the East Central Dispatch in St. Louis County. Imagine that!

Denis, you will be missed.

# Eberhard Attends FBI Fellowship Program

On August 30, 2010, Lieutenant Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC, reported to work at the FBI General Headquarters in Washington, D.C., to participate in a six-month Police Executive Fellowship Program (PEFP). She was assigned to the Fusion Center Integration Unit (FCIU) within the FBI's Directorate of Intelligence Bureau.

The FCIU's mission is to support the communication, coordination, and cooperation efforts between federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement partners in the intelligence community by supporting the fusion center initiative. The unit consisted of one unit chief, six supervisory special agents, and four program analysts who worked to provide overall support and encourage a more standardized approach for the FBI's interaction

with the 72 fusion centers across the United States. In addition to working on intelligence projects to support the mission of the unit, Lt. Eberhard had the opportunity to attend numerous training courses and briefs covering topics such as trends in terrorism, trends in intelligence, counter-terrorism, counter-intelligence, human trafficking, effective leadership, and critical operational capabilities training.

On February 14, 2011, Lt. Eberhard returned to Missouri and resumed her duties as executive operations lieutenant within the Division of Drug and Crime Control. She thoroughly enjoyed her assignment with the FBI, and is looking forward to sharing her experiences and knowledge with other Patrol members.



*FBI Director Robert Mueller III congratulates Lt. Sarah L. Eberhard, Q/DDCC, at the completion of the fellowship.*

## Patrol, Lincoln University Provide Hands-On Experience

*By Lt. Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD*

On April 28, 2011, the Missouri State Highway Patrol hosted a dinner at the Patrol Academy in Jefferson City. Four Lincoln University criminal justice students received certificates of completion for participating in a Patrol Student Alliance Program, and one student received a certificate for completion of a Patrol student internship.

The student alliance participants attended seven sessions, held on Thursday evenings, during the spring 2011 semester. The activities included firearms training, emergency vehicle operations, and classes on driving while intoxicated and the history of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. A sincere thank you to the Academy instructors for sharing their time and expertise. The student intern completed 160 hours of internship at the Pa-



*(l to r) Pictured are Captain Sandra K. Karsten, Q/HRD; Student Alliance Program participants: Amani McHatta, Charlie St. Onge, Matthew Moore, and LaNesha Travis; Student Intern Jonathan Sills; Lieutenant Roger D. Whittler, Q/HRD; and Major Hugh E. McKay, Q/ASB.*

trol General Headquarters in Jefferson City.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol and Lincoln University Social and Behavioral Sciences Department cooperated to provide the students with hands-on experience at the Patrol. The

students and the Patrol employees involved had an enjoyable experience during both programs. The Patrol hopes to continue attracting Lincoln University criminal justice students to these programs in the future.



# Boating Safety Endorsement Available

By Sgt. Gerard G. "Jerry" Callahan,  
Q/WPD

This will be the first summer in which Missouri residents will be able to add an endorsement to their driver's license to show they have taken the certified boating safety course for operating a vessel on Missouri lakes. [The boating course is mandatory for those persons born after January 1, 1984.] All that is required is for citizens to present their official boating safety card at their Department of Revenue license office. The cost for adding the boating safety notation is only \$1 in addition to the regular renewal fees. This will need to be done only once. The boating safety notation will remain on the license for future renewals. By doing this, boaters will then only have to carry one document rather than the boating safety card and picture ID. Non-Missouri residents born after January 1, 1984 can show a NAS-BLA approved boating certificate from their state. Each year, Missouri issues roughly 8,000 boating safety cards to people who have taken the certified safety course taught by state troopers, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, or the U.S. Power Squadron.

## C.O.P.S. Sets Program Dates

Concerns For Police Survivors Inc. invites loved ones of fallen officers to attend any of the following retreats in 2011: Kids Camp – July 25-31; Outward Bound – July 25-31; Fiances/significant others – August 26-29; Siblings Retreat – September 9-12; Spouses Retreat – September 23-26; In-Laws Retreat – October 14-17; Parents Retreat – October 28-31; Co-workers – November 4-7. For information and registration forms, visit [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org) or call 573-346-4911.

# Looking Back ... in the Patrol News

## 40 years ago

*June 1971* – A photo shows Margaret Croarkin, Troop B, checking out linens from Sgt. Robert Hagan and Tpr. Gale Corbin at the Academy. She was the first woman to sleep in the new dormitory. Margaret came to GHQ for a *Patrol News* reporters' meeting in May 1971. Pages 8-16 are full of pictures of employees working in the new Academy complex at General Headquarters which opened its doors the previous month.

## 30 years ago

*July 1981* – The Missouri Banker's Association presented a plaque and proclamation to Col. A.S. Whitmer to commemorate the Patrol's 50th anniversary. Tpr. B.J. Matthews, Troop I, was shot during a traffic stop. Fortunately, it was a superficial wound and he recovered.

## 20 years ago

*June 1991* – Articles reported the following: A first quarter report about insurance; a successful Torch Run raising \$45,000; an accreditation update; and the acquisition of Bumper The Talking Patrol Car.

## 10 years ago

*July 2001* – Missouri honored its fallen heroes at the 14th annual memorial service. Col. Weldon L. Wilhoit retired. 1962 Recruit Class held their annual reunion. Tpr. Casey A. Jadwin, Troop I, is named May 2001 DPS Employee of the Month. K-9 trainer Mike Ervin was named an honorary trooper. Chevrolet Impalas joined the Patrol's fleet.

				
Year To Date May 26, 2011	Same Period Last Year Year To Date	Number Of Increase Or Decrease	2009 Traffic Fatalities	2010 Traffic Fatalities
239	280	-41	878	819

Note: These totals do not include late deaths.

# Deaths

## Paul J. Naumann



Paul J. Naumann died February 6, 2011, in Florissant, MO. He was 88 years old.

He was born in St. Joseph, MO. He graduated from Litchfield High School in Litchfield, IL. After high school, Paul served in the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific during World War II. He retired as a master chief gunner's mate. Paul then served in and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves. He worked with sea cadets.

Paul married his wife, Mary Helen, in 1946, and they had three children. Mary Helen died in 2002.

He is survived by his three children and their families: Mark Naumann (and his wife, Carolyn), from Nashville, TN, and their daughter, Nicole Perkins (and her husband, Justice); Mike Naumann (and his wife, Lisa), from Stamford, CT, and their children, Christopher and Rachel; and Pat McClammer (and her husband, Chuck), from Cedaredge, CO.

Paul joined the Patrol as a member of the 13th Recruit Class on June 16, 1952. After graduating from the Patrol's Law Enforcement Academy, he was assigned to Troop C, St. Louis County, where he spent his entire career. In 1966, he was promoted to sergeant. In 1969, he was assigned as a desk sergeant, a position he held until he retired on July 1, 1982. After retiring, Paul remained active in law enforcement by serving on the Bridge-

ton Police Commission and with the Bridgeton Auxiliary Police.

The Naumann family would like to express their appreciation to the members of Troop C, Weldon Spring, who provided an honor guard during the visitation and served as pallbearers at Paul's funeral. The Patrol also provided an escort for Paul's body to Jefferson Barracks where he was laid to rest.

Memorials may be sent to Pathway Hospice, 14805 N. Outer 40 Road #160, Chesterfield, MO 63017-6060.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Naumann family.

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## Harry J. Hunt



Harry James Hunt, 81, of Drummond Island, MI, died Friday, March 11, 2011, in Juffair, Kingdom of Bahrain. He was born November 17, 1929, in Paw Paw, MI, the son of Orland and Pearl (Fairchild) Hunt.

He entered the United States Army where he served for over 21 years. While he was stationed in Germany, he met Elli Emma Schulz and they were married on June 3, 1964, in Gladwin, MI. In 1969, he retired from the Army. On November 10, 1969, Harry began a 26-year-career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Initially, he was a driver examiner. He became a weight inspector in 1974. Harry

worked at the scales at C-4 in St. Peters until August 1988, when he was assigned to the portable scales. It was from this assignment that he retired in 1995.

Having visited family on Drummond Island, he and Elli determined it would be a great place to retire. So, they made Drummond Island their home. Harry was a member of the Drummond Island Bible Fellowship Church. He enjoyed operating his ham radio for many years.

Harry is survived by three daughters: Gail Sonnier (and her husband, Dickey), of Lake Aurthur, LA, Brigitta Carney, of Tuscon, AZ, and Angela Richwine, of Mesa, AZ; two sons: Gary Hunt (and his wife, Nila), of Kingdom of Bahrain, and David Hunt (and his wife, Kimberly), of Alamogordo, NM; 22 grandchildren, David, Kevin, Jason, Crystal, James, Felicia, Chantel, James, Deanetta, Crystal, Lucas, Davey, Kimberly, Daniel, Abigail, Tessa, John, Sinja, DJ, Michelle, Breezie, Anthony Jr.; many great-grandchildren; and a large extended family.

Harry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elli, on February 8, 2009; two sons, Harry and Anthony; son-in-law, Ted Carney; brothers, Eugene, Wayne, and Theo; and a sister, Beatrice Jelinik.

Services were held on Friday, March 18, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home, in Pickford, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Voice of the Martyrs, P.O. Box 443, Bartlesville, OK 74005, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Hunt family.

# July

July 4

• Independence Day

July 13

• Tpr. J.N. Greim died in 1945.

# Deaths

## Jessie T. "J.T." Lynn



Jessie T. Lynn, son of the late Wilford Lynn and Gertie Wilson Lynn, was born Dec. 7, 1930, in Kennett, and departed this life Saturday, March 12, 2011, at the age of 80 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

J.T. served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He then worked as a driver examiner for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He began his career with the Patrol in Poplar Bluff on August 1, 1966. He moved to the Kennett Driver Examination Station in 1967, and took over the CDL testing in Maldon in 1990. He retired on September 1, 1995.

J.T. married his high school sweetheart—Doris June Allen—on March 11, 1954. Doris June preceded him in death on December 2, 2009. He was also preceded in death by one son in infancy; one great-granddaughter, Mikayla Coffey; one brother, James Allen Lynn; and his stepmother, Alva Lynn.

Survivors include one daughter, Jan McElwrath (and her husband, Ray), of Kennett; one granddaughter, Jessica McElwrath, of Kennett; one grandson, Rex McElwrath, of Kennett; two great-granddaughters, Jenna and Jalynn Coffey, both of Kennett; two brothers, Dale Lynn (and his wife, Barbara), of Kennett, and Jerry Lynn (and his wife, Evelyn), of Munford, TN; other relatives; and many friends.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, March 15, in the Memorial Gardens Cemetery at Kennett with Rev. Chris Maynard officiating. Pallbearers were Tim Lynn, Jeff Lynn, Ray McElwrath, Tim Davis, Craig Rickman, and Brad Carter. Memorials may be made to the Holcomb Alumni Scholarship Fund, Holcomb, MO.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Lynn family.

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## James A. "Allen" Williams



James A. "Allen" Williams, 42, of Tipton, was called home on March 19, 2011, after a battle with cancer. Born May 25, 1968, in Sedalia, MO, he was the son of James Earl Williams and the late Celia Kaye (Stillfield) Taylor. On February 28, 2004, he was united in marriage to Marna Jean Koechner, who survives of the home.

An avid sprint car fan, Allen could be seen in the stands or the pits, and loved working around the house and in the garden. Allen was a 4-H leader, and served on the Moniteau County 9-1-1 Board. Growing up, he played soccer, was in the marching band, and in FFA. He graduated from Smith Cotton High School and attended Central Methodist College and Missouri University. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Sedalia.

"Allen was a good ole country boy who loved hunting and fishing, tinkering with about anything that had a motor, and spending time with family and friends. Whether it was dirt bike racing, a night watching races at a local track, or traveling to yet another track, Allen loved a good race! From the time he was little, Allen could spend hours talking your ears off (and oftentimes did) about a race, a car, or what he would have done," said longtime friend Renee Utz Pripusich. "I remember times in high school when the gang all came out to my house to hang out, and we would find Allen upstairs with my dad talking about racing! Allen was a "say what you think" kind of guy, and you either liked him or not, and he didn't care one way or the other! You always knew where you stood with him, and 'Big Al' would do anything to help out his friends!"

Allen was employed by the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division as a scale maintenance technician on August 3, 2009. Allen's co-workers remember him for his good attitude, friendliness, dedication to his work, his intelligence, and his positive outlook on life. Allen was always willing to help others.

Also surviving are: one son, Jason Battles (and his wife, Callie), of St. James; two daughters, Megan Battles and Dana Battles, of the home; one grandson, Benjamin Battles, of St. James; one brother, Earl Wayne Williams; and one sister, Shelia Trent (and her husband, Shane); his grandmother, Mildred Stillfield; and his stepmother, Lillian Williams, all of Sedalia.

Funeral services were held on March 22, 2011, at the Meisenheimer Funeral Home, in Tipton, MO, with burial in the Moreau Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Williams family.

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# Deaths

## Bobby L. Irick



Bobby Lee Irick, 83, of Joplin, died at 2:11 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011, at St. John's Regional Medical Center Emergency Room after a sudden illness.

Born January 5, 1928, in Wewoka, OK, he was the son of the late Solomon Irick and Mable Etta Loney Irick. A Korean War Veteran, Mr. Irick served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956, first as a B-29 gunner and later in air-to-air refueling. He earned the rank of staff sergeant.

He had lived in Joplin since 1956, working for B.F. Goodrich before working for the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He began his career with the Patrol on February 7, 1965, as a weight inspector. Mr. Irick worked in Troop C, at Post C-2 in St. Clair for several months before returning to Troop D, where he was assigned to Post D-4 in Joplin. He served there for the remainder of his career. Mr. Irick served the people of Missouri in commercial vehicle enforcement for 25 years before retiring on March 31, 1990.

From 1956 to 1987, he was a member of McKinley Avenue Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon for 20 years. He then joined Fellowship Baptist Church and was an active member until his death.

On April 15, 1948, he married Clara Jo Duncan at Elk City, OK. She survives. Additional survivors include a son, Gregory Dean Irick, of Joplin; a brother, William B. Irick (and his wife, Lois), of Joplin; a sister-in-law, Mary

Irick, of Joplin; two nieces, Cathy Orvis and Linda Sapp; and many friends.

Mr. Irick was preceded in death by two brothers, Leo B. Irick and Floyd Irick.

Funeral services were held March 24, 2011, at Fellowship Baptist Church with Pastor Rex Wakefield and Rev. Jack Jones officiating. Interment with military honors followed at Osborne Memorial Cemetery. Pallbearers included Lloyd Bailey, Don Comer, Joe Murphey, Dennis Cory, Larry Tennis, and Win Smith. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Fellowship Baptist Church Building Fund.

The Patrol family offers its sincerest condolences to the Irick family.

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## John "Jack" W. Danklef



John W. "Jack" Danklef, 82, of Jefferson City, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Boone Hospital in Columbia, MO. He was born on September 2, 1928, in St. Louis, MO, the son of the late Herman and Jewel (Wright) Danklef. On January 30, 1954, he was united in marriage to Carolyn Ann Bunch, who preceded him in death on October 17, 2003.

Jack was a graduate of Mexico High School in Mexico, MO, and went on to graduate from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, MO. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Before he joined the

Missouri State Highway Patrol, he taught geography and history at Rolla High School in Rolla, MO.

Jack was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Patrol on September 18, 1955, as a member of the 15th Recruit Class. He served in Troop B, Shelby County, for 11 years. During that time, he served as a road officer, assistant safety officer, and assistant evidence technician, often all at the same time. In July 1966, he was promoted to sergeant and assigned to the Personnel Division, General Headquarters, Jefferson City.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1974, and to captain in 1981, at which time he was named director of that same division. Jack helped with several new Patrol programs during his years in Personnel. Among these programs were job descriptions for civilian personnel, computerized personnel records, and the Patrol's Affirmative Action Program. He also served as vice chairman of the Highway Department/Highway Patrol life insurance program and president of the Highway Credit Union. He transferred to the District Commanders' Office in December 1982. It was from that position that he retired on May 1, 1988.

Jack was very active in athletics, and was on the Patrol's Police Olympic basketball team. Known as "The Claw", Jack also enjoyed playing basketball against the recruits, other state agencies, or anyone who cared to challenge him 'under the boards'. He was a member of Capital West Christian Church, the Missouri State Troopers Association, the American Legion Shelbina Lodge No. 228 AF & AM in Shelbina, MO, and was a member of the Mexico High School Hall of Fame.

Jack is survived by a son and daughter-in-law: David & Janet Danklef, of Jefferson City, MO; four daughters and sons-in-law: Cynthia & Van Page, of Lebanon, MO, Lori & Daryl Bopp, of Lohman, MO, Jana & Mark Bopp, of Jefferson City, MO, and Gail & James Grob, of Holts Summit, MO; one sister: Jean Berlekamp, of Albany, MO; seven grandchildren: Michael Page (and his wife, Angela), Blake Bopp (and his wife,

# Deaths

## Norma "Jean" Vaughan



Norma "Jean" Vaughan, 78, of Jefferson City, died on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Capital Region Medical Center. She was born October 19, 1932, in Meta, MO, the daughter of the late Leo G. and Teresa M. (Reinsch) Grafe.

She was a 1950 graduate of Meta High School. On November 23, 1950, Jean was united in marriage to Harold James Vaughan, who preceded her in death on July 10, 2010.

Jean worked for the state of Missouri for 35 years. She started working for the Missouri Department of Revenue in 1957, then worked for the Budget Office of the State Capitol. On January 1, 1973, she began her long career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol. She worked in the Finance Divi-

sion until her retirement in 1992.

Jean was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the St. Ann's Ladies Sodality. Jean enjoyed reading, cross stitching, and spoiling her grandchildren and great-grandchildren! She is survived by two daughters: Shirley Blake (and her husband, Steve), of Broken Arrow, OK, and Sheila Allen (and her husband, John), of Vienna; four grandchildren: Jessica, Ashley, Corey, and Dustin; four step-grandchildren: Bryan, Steve, Albert, and Aaron; and two great-granddaughters: Isabelle and Bailey.

In addition to her parents, Jean was preceded in death by one sister: Geraldine Eveler, in 2002; and two brothers: Elmer Grafe, in 1972, and Raymond Grafe, in 2008.

A mass of Christian burial took place on March 25, 2011, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with Monsignor David D. Cox officiating. Interment followed in Resurrection Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to the Carmelite Monastery, 2201 West Main St., Jefferson City, MO 65109, or the American Cancer Society. Houser-Millard Funeral Directors handled the arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Vaughan family.

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Kadie), Christopher Bopp, Ryan Bopp, Kaylyn Bopp, Jennifer Grob, and Hope Grob; and one great-granddaughter: Karis Page; and a special friend Dean Wekenborg, of Jefferson City, MO. He was also preceded in death by a brother: Herman Danklef Jr., and a grandson: Stephen Charles Page.

Funeral services were held on March 26, at Capital West Christian Church in Jefferson City, with Rev. Ken Harland officiating. Interment with full military honors and Missouri State Highway Patrol honors followed at Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the Capital West Christian Church Building Fund, 1308 Fairgrounds Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109; the Samaritan Center; the American Cancer Society; or the Disabled American Veterans. Houser-Millard Funeral Directors handled all the arrangements.

The Patrol family extends its sincerest condolences to the Danklef family.

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## Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy goes to the following personnel who have lost a member of their family:*

UCR Trainer/QA Auditor Patrick J. Woods (Q/CJISD) - great-grandfather  
Recruit Joseph R. Wombwell (Q/TND) - grandmother  
Telecom. Ronald D. King (C) - aunt  
Tpr. Gerry L. West (F) - mother-in-law  
Capt. Kim E. Hull (Q/CommD) - father  
Capt. J. Timothy "Tim" Hull (Q/PIED) - father  
Cpl. Glen D. Ward (F) - grandmother-in-law

Lab. Evid. Tech. II Pamela S. Wakefield (Q/CLD) - grandfather  
Sgt. David C. Bauer (Q/DDCC) - mother  
Recruit Zachary D. Bauer (Q/TND) - grandmother  
Ret. Sgt. Russell L. Morris - brother  
Special Asst. Cynthia A. "Cindy" Scheidt (Q/ASB) - grandmother  
Special Asst. Pettina F. Duenckel (Q/PSD) - grandmother  
Auto. Tech. III Donald H. Duffey (Troop E) - grandmother  
Tpr. Jonathan T. Wilson (E) - great-grandmother

Tpr. Logan B. Monahan (E) - great-grandmother  
Comm. Tech. I Jackie A. "Jack" Martin (Q/CommD) - grandmother  
Criminalist III Allison J. Unthank (Q/CLD) - mother  
Tpr. Robert M. "Mike" Malone (Q/WPD) - grandmother-in-law  
Tpr. Travis D. Templemire (E) - grandfather  
DE Sprv. Cassie M. Templemire (E) - grandfather-in-law

# Platte County PA Honors Sgt. Kelley

*By Sgt. Douglas J. "D.J." Hedrick, Troop A*

On April 15, 2011, Sergeant Brian E. Kelley, Troop A, accepted the Sara Andrasek Memorial Award during the 6th Annual Victim's Rights Breakfast hosted by the Platte County Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Sgt. Kelley was given the award for his thorough investigation and his continued support to victim's families. On August 22, 2010, Sgt. Kelley worked a two-car crash in which Abby Cockrill, 22, was killed and Megan Wagoner was injured. The driver of the other vehicle was driving his Camaro SS on Interstate 29 at 152 mph seconds before the crash.

Sergeant Mikel A. Cool, a previous recipient of the Sara Andrasek Memorial Award, performed the crash reconstruction in the case. Sgt. Cool estimated the second vehicle to be traveling at least 131 mph at the time of impact. The driver's blood alcohol content was .171, hours after the crash. He pled guilty to manslaughter and assault and is currently serving a 17-year prison term.

Platte County Prosecuting Attorney Eric Zahnd said, "From comforting the deceased victim's family to repeatedly checking with the survivor to make sure she was recovering from her emotional trauma, Sgt. Kelley went above the call of duty to comfort the victims of this senseless crime. He is an exemplary law enforcement officer. He not only conducted an outstanding investigation of this horrible crash, he also demonstrated an uncommon willingness to assist the victims. His pursuit of justice combined with his compassion for the survivors of this tragedy is remarkable."

The Sara Andrasek Memorial Award is given each year in the memory of the Platte County woman who was raped and murdered in 2001. Sara's mother, Janet Williams, was the keynote speaker. Ms. Williams shared her story from receiving the news of Sara's death to how she has handled

*Platte County  
Prosecutor  
Eric Zahnd  
presents the  
Sara Andrasek  
Memorial  
Award to Sgt.  
Brian Kelley.*



her grief over the last 10 years.

Ms. Wagoner, her parents, and Ms. Cockrill's parents were in attendance, also. I saw the appreciation on their faces as Sgt. Kelley walked

up to them after the presentation and hugged them once again. He continues to show his concern by staying in close contact with Megan's and Abby's parents.

## COPS Walk 2011

Concerns of Police Survivors invites you to join them October 8-9, 2011! The 7th Annual COPS Walk will take place near Harper's Ferry, WV, along the C&O Canal. The 25-miles are covered in two days and will bring together survivors of fallen law enforcement officers and friends from the law enforcement community. Participants must raise a minimum of \$1,000. For more information, visit [www.nationalcops.org](http://www.nationalcops.org).

## MSHP Retirees To Gather For Lunch

Come to a luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2011, at the First Baptist Church, 2 North Douglas, Lee's Summit, MO. We'll eat at noon. Please join us for fun and fellowship. The cost is \$10 per person and checks should be made payable to Fount Foushee. Your hosts are: Ruby Williams 120 SE Ridgeview Court, Lee's Summit, MO 64063, 816-524-7626 or 816-806-8566; Fount Foushee, 7910 East 159th Street, Belton, MO 64012, 816-331-1994, e-mail: [wff7910@aol.com](mailto:wff7910@aol.com); Betty Kerrick, 33004 East Murphy School Road, Green Valley, MO 64029, 816-650-5906; and Fred M. Mills, 3401 South Dominion Drive, Independence, MO 64055, 816-350-3806 or 816-896-0617, e-mail: [fmmcallhome@comcast.net](mailto:fmmcallhome@comcast.net). Please make your reservation by August 12, 2011.

Please mail checks to: Fount Foushee, 7910 East 159th Street, Belton, MO 64012.



# ~ Thank You ~

The thoughtfulness in the form of cards, prayers, and kind words regarding the loss of my mother is overwhelming. It is difficult to put into words what it meant to see or hear from so many people during her services and the time proceeding. The genuine care and concern that was shown fills me with pride when I think of my brothers and sisters in gray, brothers in blue, former co-workers, and other divisions who supported me. It was more than the mind can comprehend. I can't say thank you enough.

*Asst. Chief Oper. Teresa J. Fewell,  
Troop A*

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On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics biscuits and gravy breakfast fundraiser. We earned a profit of \$575.28. I would like to thank the committee for their hard work. Also, thanks to Food Service Mgr. Betty R. Burnett, Q/TND, and the Academy personnel who helped order supplies, prepared the food, and made sure we had everything necessary to serve the food.

*Thanks again,  
Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED*

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, thoughts, and support offered to me after the death of my mother, Elizabeth Downes. The memorial donation made by the Troop A Flower Fund in my mother's memory will help fund research and programs that will benefit other cancer victims and their families. I know my mother would be very pleased and thankful. Your thoughtfulness and caring mean a great deal to me and my family, and will not be forgotten. There are really

no words to describe how being a part of the Patrol family is so very, very special. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Admin. Office Support Asst.  
Barbara A. Kidwell, Troop A*

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My family and I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, thoughts, and prayers following the death of my father, James E. Smith. Also, thanks to all who attended the visitation and funeral. It meant a lot to my entire family.

*Admin. Ofc. Support Asst. Janet S.  
"Jan" Kudlack, Troop I*

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We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, e-mails, flowers, and support following the loss of our father, J.T. Hull. We would also like to express our appreciation to everyone who attended the visitation and funeral services, and to those Troop F officers who assisted with the funeral procession. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the two of us and our families.

*Captain Kim E. Hull, Q/CommD  
Captain J. Tim Hull, Q/PIED*

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On behalf of my family, I would like to express my sincere thank you to everyone for their cards, notes, phone calls, e-mails, and for their support during the sudden illness and death of my mother. My father and the rest of my family were all very touched and impressed by the outpouring of support from members of the Highway Patrol. I want to thank the members of the Highway Patrol and their families for making my family feel like they are part of my Patrol family. They were able to see firsthand that the Patrol is

not just an organization I work for, but a large part of my life and my family's life.

*Sgt. David D. Bauer, Q/DDCC*

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, prayers, kind words, and support following the loss of my dad, Arthur D. Mudd Jr. Also, thank you to those who came to the funeral. It meant a lot to my family during this difficult time.

*Traffic Safety Analyst III Michelle  
M. Green, Q/TFD*

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On behalf of the GHQ Torch Run committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Special Olympics cinnamon roll fundraiser. We made a profit of \$457.10. I would like to thank the committee members for their hard work, and especially Clerk IV Kerry L. Bax, Q/PIED. Also, thanks to Food Service Manager Betty R. Burnett and the Academy personnel who helped order supplies, prepared the food, and made sure we had everything necessary to serve the food.

*Thanks,  
Lt. John J. Hotz, Q/PIED*

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I would like to thank everyone for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, flowers, memorials, and statues I received in memory of my grandmother, Maxine Snyder, after she passed away. I would also like to thank those who attended the visitation and funeral. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and will always be remembered.

*Special Assistant Cynthia A.  
"Cindy" Scheidt, Q/ASB*

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## All Dogs Go To Heaven

### Patrol Bids Farewell To Three K9s



*Patrol K-9 Brix was born on December 7, 1996, and died in February 2010. He was in service from March 2000 to June 2005. Brix assisted in the seizure of over 10,000 pounds of marijuana and 100 kilograms of cocaine. His handler was Cpl. Thomas L. "Tom" Hall, Troop D.*

*Patrol K-9 Aron died Tuesday, March 15, 2011. He was 14 years old. Aron was first assigned to Troop C, Kirkwood, in 1999. He transferred to Troop G, Willow Springs, in 2000, and was handled by Sgt. Stephen L. Grass until his retirement in 2004.*



*Patrol K-9 Kai was born on November 20, 2000. He died March 11, 2011. During the six and a half years he was in service, Kai was involved in numerous traffic stops, searches, criminal apprehensions, and public appearances. He retired March 31, 2009. His handler was Sergeant Matthew J. "Matt" Broniec, Troop F.*